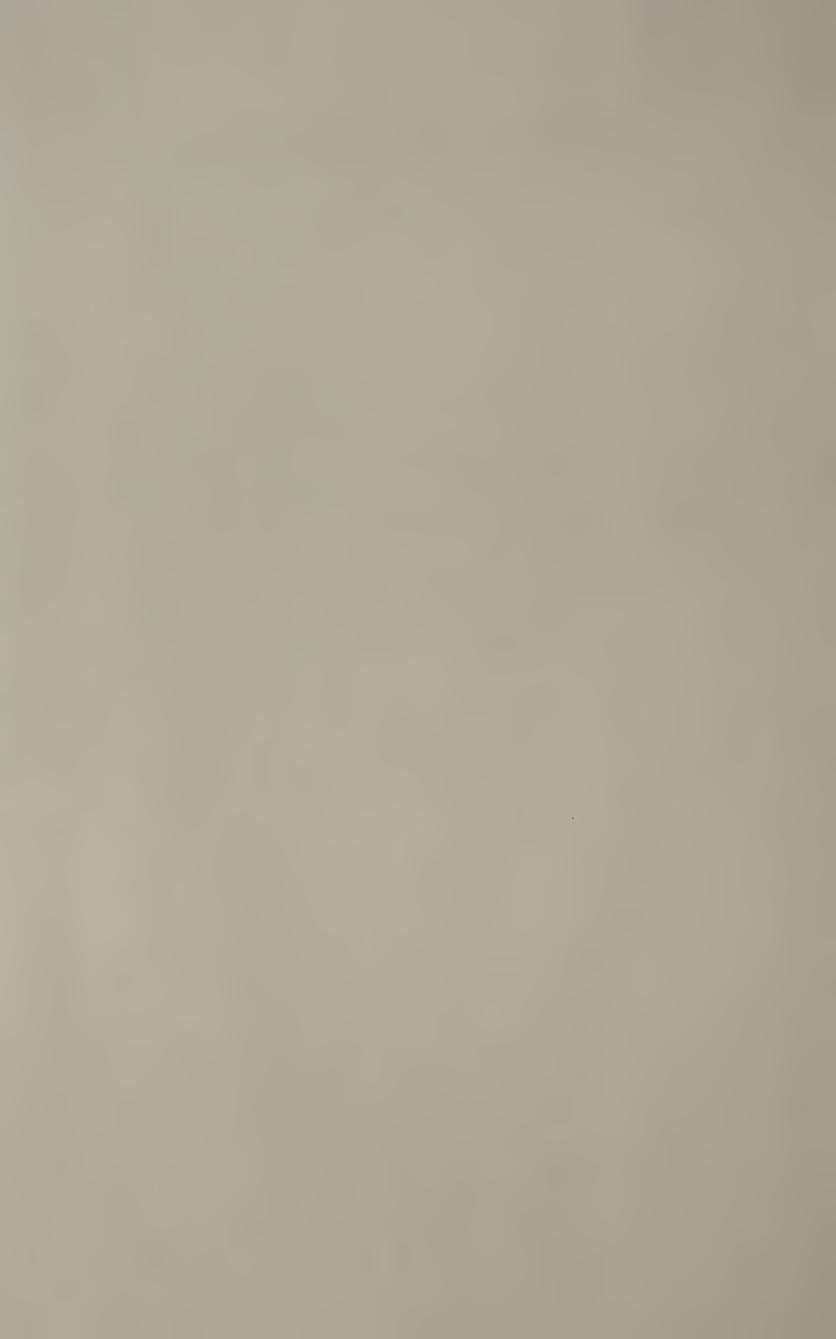




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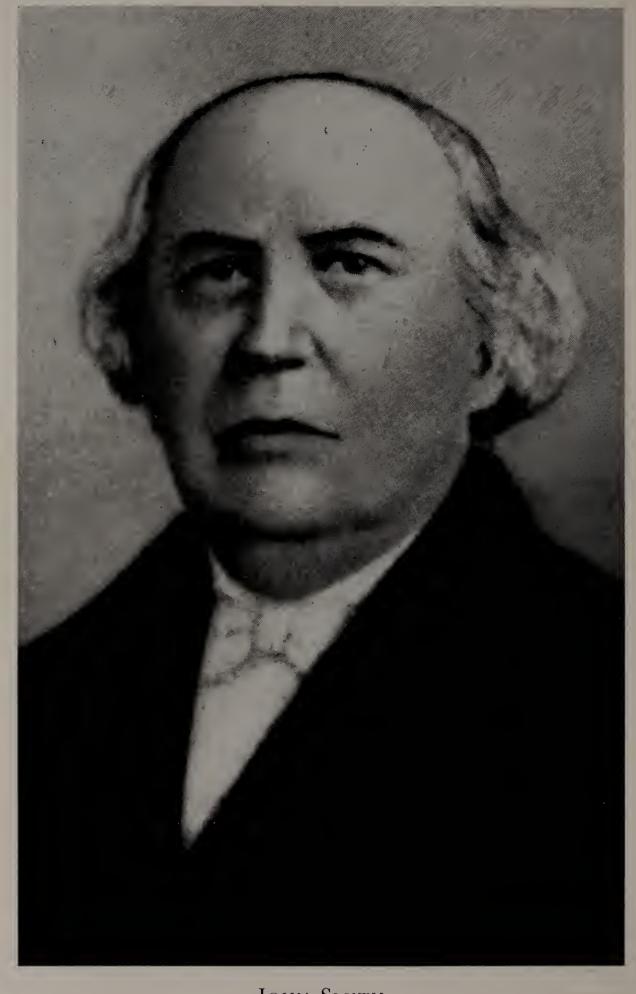
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HIS ANCESTORS
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John Smith

The first "Smith" to come to Jefferson County, Alabama

# JOHN SMITH, Esquire

His Ancestors and His Descendants

A STORY OF THE PIONEERS

by
MITTIE OWEN McDavid

The Pioneers were men and women of Vision, Courage, Faith, and Determination; but they carried their faults and their virtues, even as you and I.

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To

The loving memory of my Grandfather

JOSEPH RILEY SMITH, M. D.

### **FOREWORD**

The name John Smith, Esqr., is chosen as the title of this book, not because the man who bore it was of exceptional distinction, but from the fact that he was the first of this particular family to settle in that part of Mississippi Territory which is now Jefferson County, Alabama.

Here he became a prosperous planter, and the ancestor of numerous descendants, many of whom were among the builders of the county, and the city of Birmingham.

His name is used like the hub in a wheel, toward which, and from which, to work in tracing the family genealogy.

## **PREFACE**

It has been said: "A genealogist pesters the living and disturbs the dead." Perhaps I have done just that in collecting data for this book; but, being no Houdini, it was the only way. However, the pleasure has been mine; for through correspondence I have made many warm friends whose faces I may never see. Some letters have been most enjoyable, and afforded much amusement. I wish these could be reproduced here, but space will not permit.

Just a few extracts from some are as follows: Wrote one genealogist from Pennsylvania, "No one except a 'Nut' would attempt to unravel a *Smith* line." Another from the midwest, "What a pity the name had to be *Smith!*" I answered: "A pity 'tis, 'tis true. I wish myself it could have been Whistlepenny."

And a cousin from Chicago: "I hear you are ringing a bell in England. Better stop right there! England is only a 'hop, skip, and a jump from Africa; and you might find that Darwin was right!" And so on in varied and delightful comments and suggestions.

I regret that some lines are meager against others that are full and complete, but it has been difficult to secure authoritative data of some families.

May you experience as much pleasure in reading this book, as I have in compiling and writing it.

Faithfully your cousin,

MITTIE OWEN McDAVID



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MITH was the first Sire name (Surname) in history. Some contend that the name King was coined near the same time. One student of surnames asserts:

"The Smiths are lineal descendants of Noah's son Shem—Shem, Shemit, Shmit, Smit, Smith. As simple as that!" (See Colonial Families in America.). One may digest this statement ad libitum.

The name Smith is really derived from the Saxon word "smitan"—to smite, and in early ages referred to "all workers in metal of various kinds, gold, silver, copper and iron."

Those who bear the name should feel pride, for these "smiters" "were not only men of brawn, but had to possess skill and a ready brain."

"In feudal times the Smith was a man of importance in the realm, and great was the honor paid him, for his was an indispensable craft. He had charge of all the making of armor—breast-plates, spears, lances, and other implements of war, and furthermore a part of his duty was to teach their use and the wearing of armor to young warriors." (See Colonial Families of America, by Frances M. Smith, and by Eleanor Lexington.)

In the earliest activity of world peoples, every Chief or King had his Smith. Even in Bible days, the dire necessity and importance of a Smith in every tribe was manifest. (See I Sam'l. XIII-19): "There was no Smith found throughout all the land" (Israel). (See American Genealogy, by Jacoby.)

Frances Cowles, an authority on names and Genealogy, states, as do others, that in Wales the King's Smith was honored with a seat beside his Sovereign at table, and drank of every wine brought into the banquet hall second to the King, which was his right—and before the officials and guests were served.

#### PENNSYLVANIA

### WILLIAM SMITH

## First Generation

The first American ancestor of this particular family of Smith, and of John Smith, Esqr., was one William Smith, wealthy young Quaker of Yorkshire, England, a follower of William Penn. He came to the Colonies a very young man in 1684, and must not be confused with earlier or later settlers of the same name.

In order to familiarize ourselves with the background of this progenitor of our family, we must go into the annals of Pennsylvania, and refresh our minds concerning the founding of that great state; for it was to this province he came to become an American. Further still, we should follow the search into England, where in 1650 George Fox and associates, the English converts to the Quaker religion, were spreading propaganda all over the entire continent. This new form of religion was taking root in spots in spite of drastic opposition by the Church of England, not particularly among the peasant classes, but also among the landed gentry.

William Penn, son of a wealthy and distinguished father, became an ardent convert. Because of violent objection and unfavorable reaction to this "Society of Friends" by the citizenry in general, resulting in much persecution, William Penn conceived the idea of locating a large colony of English Quakers in the new country of America. His activities in this enterprise, and the founding of the Province of Pennsylvania is most interesting.

Penn made one trip across as early as 1676 when he and associates purchased a small tract then called West Jersey, and settled a few colonists. Later, on March 4th, 1681, he obtained the King's signature to the charter for a large grant of American territory "west of the Delaware River,

etc." He was given permission to "transport an ample Colony into a certain country described as the parts of America not yet cultivated and planted," and "to reduce the Savage Natives by gentle and just manners to the love of civil Society and Christian religion." (See Pa. Archives.) Penn sent over his cousin, Sir William Markham, to act as Deputy Governor until he could himself take charge. On the 30th of August, 1682, William Penn and one hundred passengers embarked on the ship Welcome from Deal in Southwest England. After a two-month voyage, the Welcome reached the "Capes of Delaware."

After visiting friends along the waterways, Penn traveled leisurely up to form the settlement on the land of his grant. He named the settlement Pennsylvania, not for William Penn himself, as many believe, and some historians assert, but for Penn's father, the old Admiral, at the King's request.

Pennsylvania was the only Royal grant in America that was purchased with money. This was in lieu of a debt owed the Admiral by King Charles II, and which was included in the estate left Penn by his father. (See Pennsylvania Archives or any Pennsylvania history.)

Full feudal rights to both the soil and to the Government were granted William Penn on December 6th, 1682. There was an Annual tax, however, levied by the British Government of "Two Beaver skins to be delivered at our Castle of Windsor on the first day of January in every yeare, and the fifth part of all Gold and Silver Oare to be found within the limits of aforesaid." (See Pennsylvania Archives.)

A large number of Smiths came into the colony from various localities, some as early as 1682. By 1700 there were almost as many Smiths in the woods of Pennsylvania as there were Indians, and a William behind every tree, more or less, metaphorically speaking. Some came to Bucks County. Thus it has proved a Herculean task to

sift out and eliminate all except William Smith of 1684, the progenitor of the large and well-known family of Wrightstown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, scions of which came South to identify themselves with the history of South Carolina, Virginia, Ohio, Tennessee and Alabama.

From careful research in the Smith birth records of every Meeting House in Yorkshire, England, we find that our William Smith was b. Jan. 22nd, 1669, to William and Isabel Smith of Wigton, Mo. M. of Friends in Hull Parish. When he was fifteen years of age, well into his sixteenth year, he came to America. Land was offered to the settlers at "40 shillings the hundred acres, subject to a quitrent of a shilling a year. All deeds to be legal must be marked with a drawing of 'tree, twig, and water.'" William Penn brought with him a plan of government previously prepared in England, not unlike that of America's earliest permanent settlers, the colonists of Jamestown.

At their first general assembly in December this plan was adopted. Now, there may be descendants who will say "Well! This is our most plebian line!" One must remember, when a man becomes a Quaker he lays aside all pomp and glory, as well as pride of ancestry or achievement. However, our William must have been the descendant of well-to-do people, perhaps of the earlier landed gentry, as he came to these shores with considerable money for a Quaker.

Horace Mather, in his "Early Philadelphia" says: "These Quakers were well-to-do people at home, who had sold their property in England, and sought refuge in America to escape persecution." "They had servants, were well supplied with clothing, and there was no such suffering as that endured by the colonists of Jamestown, Virginia, or Plymouth." "Furthermore, the Indians were friendly and gave them no trouble." But Penn was kind

and friendly to the Indians from the beginning, and allowed no mistreatment of them. They in turn returned his kindness by supplying the settlers with an abundance of game and corn.

By the next year, 1683, the Province had been divided into the three counties, Philadelphia, Chester and Bucks Counties. These are known as the Colonial Counties.

Josiah Smith, a descendant, in his book, "William Smith and His Descendants," pub. 1887, gives the time of our William's coming as 1684, and graphically describes his trip up the river after his arrival.

To quote Josiah Smith: "William Smith was a member of the Society of Friends, and came from Yorkshire, England, to the Province of Pennsylvania a young man, unmarried, in 1684. The ship in which he crossed the Ocean landed below Philadelphia. At that time he accepted an invitation to go up the river in a boat to the residence of Phineas Pemberton." "Here the newcomers were entertained with a good deal of hospitality." (See History of Bucks County, Vol. III, by Wm. W. H. Davis, pg. 634);

"William Smith was the first of his family to arrive, coming in 1684 in a ship which landed the passengers at New Castle, now Delaware, from which point William Smith, then a young man, engaged a boat up the river, and was entertained for some time at the home of Phineas Pemberton, a native of Yorkshire, England, who was at that time one of the most prominent men of the little Quaker colony on the Delaware."

We do not know just when our William Smith made his first purchase of land, as there was so many of the same name in the same locality. There are more than 200 deeds to William Smith in the Court House at Harrisburg, Pa. We do know that about six years later, when he became 21, during 1690, he purchased his homestead acres and married near the same time. Nor do we know much of his activities during this interim. See also "History of Wrightstown," by Annie C. Scarborough 1883; (Vol. 1, pg. 110, of Bucks County Historical Society

papers.)

"William Smith, also of Yorkshire, was the second settler in the township" (Wrightstown). He came over after John Chapman and bought several hundred acres of land south of the Chapman tract, extending to and bounded by the Nasheminee. He also bought a hundred acres of Chapman."

From this time onward at intervals, William Smith acquired land. On a re-survey of his purchase in the Chap-

man tract, it was found to contain 150 acres.

A number of other settlers later came into this locality in Bucks County and purchased land. Their land joined that of Chapman and Smith. These planned a township which they called Wrightstown, with the usual town square in the center named Penn Park. "A certain percentage of the land of each was in this town square undivided, and held in common by all those who owned the land."

Josiah Smith states: "In 1717 the owners of the property, finding they had no use for a park, became dissatisfied, and mutually agreed to have it surveyed and laid out, giving each person the boundry line of the land to which he was entitled. And thus doing away with the park."

Our William Smith of Wrightstown, Bucks County, was married twice, and by his two wives had seventeen children, fifteen of whom lived to maturity and married; this to his pious satisfaction no doubt, but which fact tends, in the generations that follow, to drive a genealogist out of his mind.

He was married first in 1690 to Mary Croasdale, the daughter of Thomas and Agnes Croasdale, formerly of Yorkshire, England, who came over with their six children on the ship *Welcome* with William Penn in 1682.

Their marriage took place in the Middleton Meeting which was held in the home of John Chapman, a relative of the family. Engagement bands of William Smith and Mary Croasdale were published in the Quaker Meetings and the full record of their wedding and names of guests present are chronicled in the Quaker records. Wrightstown Meeting was formed from Middleton Meeting in 1734. (See 9th Vol., 2nd Series, Pennsylvania Archives.)

Mary's parents, Thomas and Agnes Croasdale, brought with them certificates of membership from the Settle Monthly meeting of Yorkshire, England, dated 4th month 7th day 1682.

The Croasdale family became quite prominent in the colony and were the ancestors of some of America's beşt known families, notably that of President Theodore Roosevelt.

Mrs. Mary Croasdale Smith, William's first wife, died in 1716, leaving eight of her ten children. Two had died in infancy. She was buried in the cemetery located in the old Penn Park tract, later called Logtown, on the 10th month 16th day 1716.

In 1720 William Smith married his second wife, Mercy ————. No one has yet found her surname. Although a staunch Quaker, William Smith married his second wife "out of Unity," as the marriage is not chronicled in the Quaker records. She may have agreed to become a Quaker, as there was no disturbance in Quaker meeting.

There were many other William Smiths in Bucks County, some as early as 1682, and at least two other marriages of a William Smith to a Mercy, but neither was our William. The William who married Mercy Brock was the one who came over in 1682 on the Friends Adventure with the Brock family and was a resident of Phenias Pemberton's home for some time. Phenias Pemberton was a wealthy man from Yorkshire and always looked after the interests of the Yorkshire immigrants.

There were numerous Mercys all around William—Croasdale, Chapman, Penquoite, Twining, Wildman, Lupton, Ketts, Comfort, etc., and as widowers often marry second wives much younger than themselves, some one of these who probably was a widow became his wife.

There are no marriages chronicled in the Orphans Court in Doylestown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, prior to 1885.

William Smith seems to have been a surveyor, a splendid asset to a pioneer. (See Bucks County records:)

"Second Wednesday of ye month of December 1693. William Smith—being men ordered to lay out ye road"— "A Cart Road to be laid out on from Newtown to ye ferry house." "5th of 8th month 1696 William Smith is called to assist in laying out a road from Wrightstown to Neshaminagh Meeting House."

"William Smith died on his Wrightstown plantation, 1743, in the home in which he had lived all his married life." (Josiah Smith)

# WILL OF WILLIAM SMITH, QUAKER, of Wrightstown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania (Bucks County Court House)

To all Christian People Greeting I William Smith of Wrightstown in the County of Bucks in the province of Pensilvania yeoman, Being weak of Body, but of sound Disposing mind and memory Thanks be given to God therefore, and calling to mind the uncertainty of this Life Do make and put in Writing this my Last Will and Testament in manner and forme following.

Imprimis It is my will and mind that all my Debts and funeral Charges be first paid and Discharged.

Item I give and Bequeth unto my Eldist Son William Smith the Sume of Five Shillings to be Levied out of my personal Estate by my Executors Hereafter named.

Item I give and Bequeth unto my Second Son Thomas Smith Five Shillings to be paid as aforsd,

Item I give unto my daughter Margrit Pearson my great Bible During her natural Life and then to her Daughter Mary Pearson. Item I give unto my Daughter Mary Atkinson the Sume of five Shillings to be paid as aforesd

Item I give and Bequeth unto my Daughter Sarah Blaker the sume of five Shillings to be paid as aforsd

Item I give unto my Daughter Hannah Lee the sume of Five Shillings to be paid as aforsd

Item I give unto my Daughter Lydia Heatton the sume of five pounds to be paid to her by my Son John Smith when he comes in to possession of the Land Hereafter given to him.

Item I give and Bequeth unto my Son Joseph Smith a Lott or piece of Land Containing Six acres of that End of my Land next to the old Line of the town park near the Road side yt leads by Joseph Chapman and to be Devided from my other Lands by a line beginning at Joseph Chapmans line and extending Southwest to the Line of my Son William Smiths Land To hold to him by his heirs and assigns forever

Item I give and Bequeth unto my son Ralph Smith another piece or parcel of my Land Lying South East from the above Described piece of Land, That is to say Beginning at the above to South West Line, Thence extending south Easterly by to Joseph Chapmans land to the Southerly Corner of the sd Joseph Chapmans field being near the Corner of my old field thence by a south west Line to my sd son Williams Land, Thence by the sd Williams Land to my sd son Josephs Land To hold to him the sd Ralph Smith his heirs and assigns forever

Item I give and Bequeth unto my son John Smith one other piece of Land (viz) Beginning at the Corner of the sd Joseph Chapmans field thence South easterly by the sd Joseph Chapmans and Abraham Chapmans Land to a Run of water which cometh thorough that part of Abraham Chapmans field next to John Twinings Land, Thence Down the several Courses of the same Run to a bigger Run and Downe the same to my said son Williams Land, Thence Northwesterly by the sd Williams to the sd Ralphs Land, To hold to him the said John Smith his heirs and assigns forever Togither with the Buildings fences orchards and Improvements thereunto belonging.

Item I give and Bequeth all the Residue of my Land Lying South Eastward of the Land Described for my son John unto my Two sons Samuel Smith and David Smith to be Equally Devided Between them to hold to them their heirs and assigns for ever.

Item All the Rest and Residue of my personal Estate I give Devise and Bequeth unto my Well Beloved Wife Mercy Smith and my Two Daughters Esther and Elizabeth to hold to them their heirs and assigns for Ever.

Item It is my will and mind that my sd wife have the occupation of my plantation Towards her own suport and bringing up my Children (She using it in good order and not unnecessaraly making wast of timber) untell my four to which it is given arive Respectively at one and twenty years of age and a roome whilst she Remains my widdow

Item I Do nominate Constitute and appoint my trusty and well beloved friends John Ponquite and Joseph Chapman to be my Executors of this my Last Will and Testament Revoking Disannuling and making void all and every other Will or Wills Testament or Testaments and Executors by me Before this time made Ratyfieing and Confirming this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament. In Witness where of I the said William Smith Have Hereunto Set my Hand and Seal The thirtieth Day of the Tenth month Decembr in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and forty.

WILLIAM SMITH (SEAL)

Sealed signed Published pronounced and Declared By the said William Smith to be his Last Will and Testament in the Sight and presence of us

her

Rachel x Ponquite

marke

Abra Chapman William Chapman

# CHILDREN OF WILLIAM SMITH OF PENNSYLVANIA BY FIRST WIFE MARY CROASDALE

# Second Generation

1. Margaret, b, 8th, 20th, 1691—M, Enoch Pearson, 1712, son of Thomas and Mary Pearson. A dau. Mary married John Hulme.

(Two children of William Smith died in infancy between Margaret and Mary, according to an old chart.)

- 2. Mary, b, 2nd-9th, 1696. m, John Atkinson, 1717 of Buckingham meeting.
- 3. Elizabeth, m, Thos. Watson, Jr., 1718, son of Eleanor Pearson and Thos. Watson, Sr.

- 4. William, Jr., b, 11th, 2nd 1697, d, 9th, 29th, 1777, m, Rebecca Wilson. 1721-3 dau. of Stephen and Sarah Wilson. This William member of the Col. Assembly. (See Pennsylvania Archives.)
- 5. Sarah, b, 11th 1700, m, Samuel Blaker, 1721.
- Thomas, b, ———, d, ———, m, Elizabeth Sanders, 1727, dau. of Robt. Sanders. One son Thomas had a son Thos. who had a son Samuel, who m, Rachael Cooper, dau. of Jacob Cooper and wife Sarah. Rachael was b, 10-23-1752 d, 10-29-1818 in Louden County, Va. (See Genealogy and history 2-15-1945.)
   Hannah, b, ———, m, William Lee, Jr.
- 7. Hannah, b, ———, m, William Lee, Jr. A dau. Sarah Lee m, Jonas Barcroft. A dau. Lydia Lee m, John Barcroft.
- 8. Lydia, b, ----, m, Joseph Heaton.

# Children of Wm. Smith by Second Wife, "Mercy ————."

- 9. Joseph, b, 11th-1st-1721, m, 1st ———, Rachael Wildman 1743; m, second Phoebe Hibbs (out of Unity). 12-4-1760. (See Pennsylvania Marriage Vol. 2, pg. 507, Presbyterian Church, Bucksville.)
- 10. John, b, 11th-15th-1723, m, Martha Burgess, 1752.
- 11. Ralph, b, 8th-28th-1725, m, 1st Mercy Penquite, 1750, 2nd Ann Hibbs, 12th-10th-1761 (out of Unity). (New Jersey Archives, Vol. 22, pg. 353.)
- 12. Esther, b, 9th-11th-1727, ——— m, Thomas Lacy, 1748.
- 13. Elizabeth, b, 11th-10th-1730, m, Anthony Hartley, 1755.
- 14. Samuel, b, 8th, 23rd, 1733, m, out of meeting and unrecorded.
- 15. David, b, 2nd-25th-1736, m, 4th-11th-1761, Hannah Hibbs, dau. Jeremiah Hibbs and Hannah Jones (out of Unity). Moved to Union County, S. C. (Pennsyl-

vania Marriages, Vol. 2, pg. 507, Presbyterian Church, Churchville, Pa.)

Counting the two deceased infants there were seventeen children. Fifteen lived to maturity.

It will be seen that there was an Elizabeth by the first marriage, and an Elizabeth by the second marriage. In his will, William Smith mentions only one, the Elizabeth of the second marriage. The first may have died before the birth of the second one, and before the will was made. (See Quaker Records and Minutes Wrightstown Monthly Meeting. Also Hinshaw's Quaker Genealogies, Vol. 1, pp. 1023-24; Wm. Smith's Bible, and Wm. Smith's Will.)

Margaret and Enoch Pearson's daughter, Mary Pearson, married John Hulme. She inherited the "Great Bible" of William Smith, which is still in possession of descendants of the Hulme family in Hulmville, Pennsylvania.

The births of these children of William Smith, as well as other historic events of that time, were recorded according to "old time." "All records up to the middle of the 17th century were computed by the 'old time' system. The 'old style' calendar was superceded in 1752 by the Gregorian (New Style) calendar."

"By an act of Parliament passed in 1750, the day following the 2nd of Sept., 1752, was called the 14th of Sept. At the same time, the beginning of the legal year was changed from the 25th day of March to the 1st of January." (See Quakers in Pennsylvania by Isaac Sharpless.)

It is to be regretted that the first page of the old Bible containing names of William Smith's children by first marriage is missing. It was torn from the Bible, loaned to someone to copy and never returned.

It is remarkable that the writing in this 258-year-old Bible is so clear. These records show that William Smith was not only an educated man, but of artistic ability, too, from the excellent writing and perfect printing.





Hibbs (Tunbridge Wells, Co. Kent) Az. a chev. engr. betw. three salmons ar. on chief gu. as many storks of the second ducally crowned or. CREST. A demi stork, wings expanded, ducally crowned or, holding in the beak a salmon ar. (Burke's General Armory)

## **PENNSYLVANIA**

David Smith
and
Hannah Hibbs

### Second Generation

The prelude of David Smith's and Hannah Hibbs' married life began in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Here their first four children were born.

David Smith was the youngest child of William Smith of Wrightstown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and the latter's second wife Mercy.

In the family Bible of the Quaker William Smith is the following quaint entry: "David Smith, son of William Smith and Mercy, his wife, was born April ye 25th day, about twelve oclock, Anno Domini 173 (torn)." The exact year of the birth is 1736, which is found in the records of Wrightstown Monthly Meetings of Friends.

David Smith married "out of Unity," for which he was disowned by the Quaker Church, but offered his "acknowledgment" or apology and was accepted and restored by Wrightstown Monthly Meeting on the "5th Mo. 4th da. 1762." He was married April 11th, 1761, at Dutch Reformed church of North and South Hampton, at what is now Churchville, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, to Hannah Hibbs, dau. of Josiah Hibbs and Hannah Jones. She was the dau. of John Jones. John Jones was a merchant and a member of the Common Council.

Three or four of the Smith brothers of this generation married into the Hibbs family. All of these girls were cousins. The reason David was taken into the fold with so much ease and grace is because Hannah agreed to become a Quaker.

The Hibbs family came early to Pennsylvania. The first known was William Hibbs of Fenchey Monthly Meet-

ing, Gloucestershire, England. His wife is thought to have been the "Joan" mentioned in the "Sufferings of the Quakers" (1660) by Besse.

They had the following children: Sarah b, 1660; Hannah b, 1662; William II b, 1665; Joseph b, 1668; Jonathan

b, 1657; Jane b, 1655; Mary b, 1659.

William Hibbs II came to America, m, Hannah Howell in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Among their children was Jeremiah, father of Hannah Hibbs, who married David Smith.

Hannah Hibbs' father, Jeremiah, son of William, was improvident, and a poor business man. He had already run through with one legacy of his daughter, Hannah, while she was an infant, so her grandparents had the Orphan's Court turn her over legally to her grandmother. However, her Aunt Sarah Hibbs Cooper reared her as her grandmother was "old and infirm."

We do not have the birth of Hannah Hibbs, but her parents married 12 Mo. 25, 1735. Her mother probably died in childbirth, for Hannah was taken by her Aunt Sarah (Hibbs) Cooper at the age of 7 months and Orphan's Court petition mentions that her grandmother had been contributing towards her support (although the child had an estate of her own). In 1742, at time of her grandmother's death, she was still a minor.

### HIBBS

Doylestown, Bucks County Court House.

Orphans Court.

Hannah Hibbs 1750-Bk. A-I-P. 169

Hannah Hibbs, minor under the Will of John Jones, deceased—

Orphan's Court 1750.

This petition is prior to 1750, it having been found amongst the records without date.

Petition of Jonathon Cooper and Sarah his wife-whereas John Jones of Philadelphia, merchant, deceased, by his last Will-left considerable estate to be divided amongst his children after the death of his widow, Margaret Jones (late Margaret Bolton) of Southampton, deceased, and of which children, that is to say Hannah Jones, who married one Jeremiah Hibbs and died before the full division of said estate was made and left one only daughter (vizt) Hannah Hibbs, which child hath been with your petitioners ever since it was 6 or 7 months old principally by direction of the said Margaret Bolton (grandmother of the said child) who also undertook to pay your petitioners for their care and trouble on that account. And now after her death the estate left by the said John Jones comes to be divided amongst his children and their descendants (children's children) pursuant to the said will and some good agreement amongst themselves. By reason of which a considerable sum, tis said to be upward of a hundred and seventy pounds, may come to belong to the aforementioned child, Hannah Hibbs, and the said Jeremiah Hibbs, father of the said child, having already had a considerable part of the estate. And not having taken that prudent and due care of his own affairs that he ought to have done, which gives your petitioners reason to believe that if his daughter's estate comes into his hands it is to be misapplyed, made away or lost, so that little or no part thereof may come to her when she is of age. Therefore, your petitioners pray the court—to appoint some fit person or persons to be guardian to the said Hannah Hibbs, and to take care of said part of her grandfather's, John Jones, estate that may fall to her share."

The Hibbs family came as Quakers, but in the second and third generation affiliated with the Dutch Reformed Church of Northampton and Southampton, Bucks County, and with the Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia.

There were "Hannahs" in every generation. Sarah

Hibbs married Jonathon Cooper, and became the ancestor of James Fennimore Cooper. The Quakers held many offices in early Pennsylvania, the upheaval against them coming about 1740.

John Jones was a member of the Council.

# **JONES**

For Colonial Dames Proof. Pennsylvania Archives

John Jones-Justice of the Peace, 1700; Sept. 2, 1701; Sept. 4, 1704. Alderman, Oct. 3, 1704.

Colonial Dames (List of Members published about 1924) John Jones—1708, Philadelphia, Pa. Justice, 1700-1701-1705; Member of Common Council, 1708-1707.

- 1. Mrs. Louis F. Benson on Everard Bolton and John Jones
- 2. Mrs. Isaac R. Davis on Everard Bolton and John Jones
- 3. Mrs. Walter M. James on John Jones

Abington Friends' Monthly Meeting, Bucks County, Pennsylvania (Now Montgomery County).

John Jones' Children-Richard Jones, b, 9 8 mo., 1691, Philadelphia.

The said John Jones' children's births by his first wife, Rebekah:

Grace Jones, 12 7 mo., 1693 Samuel Jones, 16 11 mo., 1694

By Margaret, his second wife:

Rebekah Jones, 16 7 mo., 1697, Philadelphia Sarah Jones 6 12 mo., 1698/9 Jacob Jones, 22 1 mo., 1699 Gibbs Jones, 3 6 mo., 1701 Abram Jones, 3 2 mo., 1703 Hannah Jones, 13 4, 1708 (Evidently used both old and new calendar) (Abraham d. 12 mo. 22, 1706, Phila. Mo. Mtg.)

Philadelphia Wills. P. 242 Pa. Hist. Soc. (From Will Bk. C, p. 105)

John Jones—Philadelphia Merchant, 2 mo. 28, 1708. Will Prob. May 11, 1708; wife, Margaret. Unborn child (this is Hannah Jones b, 13 da. 4 mo., 1708 (or June 13) son John and his wife, Margaret. Children: Richard, Grace, Samuel, Rebecca, Sarah, Jacob, Gibbs. Mentions testator's deceased wife, Rebecca.

Witness, James Cooper.

Gibbs Jones-Philadelphia, Jan. 2, 1728/9-Aug. 14, 1736
Mother, now Margaret Bolton
Witness, Elizabeth Hibbs.

## Hibbs

1. William, b, England 1 mo. 23, 1665; m, Hannah Howell (d. of Thomas) 12/12 mo., 1686, at Abington Friends' Monthly Meeting, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

His Will filed Philadelphia, March 5, 1709/10 mentions children Joseph, Jonathan, Jacob, William, Jeremiah, Sarah, Phebe and Hannah.

2. Jeremiah (son of William) m, *Hannah Jones* 12 mo. 25, 1735, at Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia.

3. Hannah Hibbs (d. of Jeremiah and Hannah Jones, dau. of John Jones of the Council). Proved by petition in Orphan's Court filed after 1742, by her Aunt Sarah (Hibbs) Cooper and Jonathan Cooper, Hannah Jones, a minor, under Will of John Jones, decd., concerning estate left her, and now descended to her minor dau., Hannah Hibbs, dau. of Jeremiah Hibbs. Mentions her grandmother, Margaret Bolton, deceased. (Administration of latter was in Philadelphia in 1742.)

Hannah Hibbs (dau. of Jeremiah and Hannah Jones), latter d. of John Jones of the Council, m, David Smith April 11, 1761, at Low Dutch Church of North and South Hampton, Bucks County, Pennsylvania (now Presbyterian Church of Churchville, Bucks County).

Wrightstown Monthly Mtg. Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

#### Removals

1 mo. 3, 1769, David Smith, wife Hannah, and children Margaret, Mercy and Hannah, to Bush River, South Carolina.

(A son, Jeremiah Smith, was also b, in Pa. but died before 1769)

Other children b, in South Carolina.

Margaret, widow of John Jones, m, 2nd Everard Bolton at Abington, Mo. Mtg., 6 mo. 29, 1709.

Letters of administration granted on her estate 1742, Philadelphia (Bk. D-264)

## Abington Mo. Mtg.

P. 218, 7 mo. 28, 1737, Margaret Bolton Request to have Mtg. settled at her house once a month during the winter season, on account she is not able to attend the Mtg. she belongs to thru age and weakness, which is granted.

P. 226, 9 mo. 27, 1738, same request.

#### RESUME FOR WHICH ABOVE IS PROOF

John Jones and Margaret Jones (Margaret m, 2 Everard Bolton, 1709) d, 1708. Had Hannah Jones June 13, 1708, m, Jeremiah Hibbs 1735. Had Hannah Hibbs, m, David Smith 1761. (Moved to S. C. 1769.)

#### Gen.

I. William Hibbs, Sr., is mentioned in Sufferings of the Quaker, by Besse, as of Gloucestershire, England, in

- 1660. Married Joan ---- (as entered in the Rec. of Fenchay Mo. Mtg., Gloucestershire). He didn't come to America.
- William, Jr., b, 1st mo. 23, 1665. He came to Amer-II. ica and married Hannah Howell (d. of Thomas) 12 mo. 21, 1686, at Abington Mo. Mtg., Bucks County, Pennsylvania, had (as proved by his Will filed in Philadelphia March 5, 1710).
- III Jeremiah m, Hannah Jones 12 mo. 25, 1735, at Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia (d. of John and Margaret Jones. She is mentioned in John Jones' Will, filed in Philadelphia May 11, 1708, as "unborn child" and is recorded as b, 4 mo. 13, 1708. Margaret, widow of John Jones, m, 2nd Everard Bolton at Abington Mo. Mtg. 6 mo. 29, 1709; d, 1742). John Jones was Justice of the Peace in Pennsylvania

1700-1701-1705. Member of Common Council 1708.

IV. Hannah (proved by petition in Orphan's Court, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, of Johnathan and Sarah (Hibbs) Cooper (who reared Hannah from the time she was 7 mos. old), which mentions estate left Hannah Jones by her father John Jones, and now descended to Hannah Hibbs, minor dau. of Jeremiah and Hannah Hibbs. It also mentions her grandmother, Margaret Bolton. Guardian appt'd. She m, David Smith (son of William and Mercy)

April 11, 1761, at Low Dutch Church of North and South Hampton, Bucks County, Pennsylvania (now

Presbyterian Church of Churchville).

David Smith and wife Hannah, and children Margaret, Mercy, Hannah moved to Bush River, South Carolina. (In Removal rec. of Wrightstown Mo. Mtg., Bucks County.)

All descendants of David Smith and Hannah Hibbs have this Hibbs-Jones Colonial lineage.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA

## David Smith of Union and Hannah Hibbs

The Bush River Quaker settlement was in Newberry County. When the Quakers first came, all records were kept at Bush River, the Mother meeting house. Later Cane Creek on Tyger River was organized, and some records kept there. Padgett Creek was a branch of Bush River.

David purchased land at various times in Newberry, Laurens, and Union counties. There are records of his activities in all three counties, but he finally, in 1775, received his homestead land grant of 250 acres on Padgett creek in Union County, not far from the Laurens line, and between the Tyger and the Enoree Rivers. His brother, Ralph, had settled just over the line in Spartanburg County, and their property lines bordered at the back.

During 1768-9 there was quite an exodus of families from Pennsylvania—all related—who came south at the same time David Smith came. Among these were the families of Pearson, Heaton, Addington, Lee, Hawkins, Wilson, Duncan, Thickpenny, Penquoite and others.

Of the descendants of William Smith, the Pennsylvania Quaker, the majority came to South Carolina. Some went to Maryland and Virginia, others to Indiana and Ohio. Traces of these descendants of William Smith may be found in almost every county of South Carolina. Numerous descendants are in the old "96th" District.

"In Revolutionary times, there resided within the limits of the original county of Spartanburg several branches of the great Smith family, from which have sprung a long and respectable line of posterity." (See Ralph Smith,

chapter IV, p. 205, History of Spartanburg County, by Landrum.)

David Smith became one of the prominent Quakers of the county. He made a deed to ten acres of his homestead land on Padgett Creek to the Quakers, and remodeled one of the houses thereon for a meeting house. The deed is very quaint and interesting, but much too long to reproduce here. It begins: "On the 27th day of the 10th month, in the year of our Lord 1778, David Smith of Padgett Creek in the province of South Carolina of one part, and Armel Fincher, John Clark, Ralph Hunt, and John Nearderman, Trustees appointed by the people called Quakers." At that period of time, churches-except "the Church of England"-not allowed to hold property, and deeds were taken in the name of trustees. The deed called for 50 pounds currency to be paid David Smith for the land, but records show that David later gave the land to the Quakers, and agreed to build the meeting house on his land for 50 pounds; "and he has promised to give the land on which it is located" which was the same way around.

The Quaker meeting subscribed and made up the sum of 50 pounds and paid David, when it was found that David had subscribed and given 20 pounds of the 50. This last statement according to tradition in Union County among those whose ancestors worshipped at Padgett Creek, and whose descendants care for the building today. It is remarkable that the building is still standing. It has of course been somewhat improved since those early days. It is made of hand-sawn frame wood, and the weather boarding and ceiling show that they have been placed over a log structure. Years ago it was whitewashed and painted by descendants of the old Quaker families who reside near by, and who hold an annual picnic on the grounds each summer.

There was an indenture to David's old deed to the

Quakers, thirty-one years later, in which Margaret Duncan, formerly Margaret Smith, "makes affidavit that she saw her father, David Smith, sign this deed to which she was a witness. We do not know the reason for this indenture, unless the Quakers were disbanding and leaving the locality and some one wished to purchase the property, which was objected to by the remaining Quakers.

## Children of David Smith and Hannah Hibbs

- I. Jeremiah, b, in Bucks Co., Pa., Jan. 21st, 1762, d, in Pa. June 14th, 1762.
- II. Margaret, b, Bucks Co. Sept. 6th, 1763, m, ————
  Duncan in S. C.
- III. Mercy, b, Bucks Co. Aug. 30th, 1765. No record.
- IV. Hannah, b, Bucks Co., Pa., July 3rd, 1767; d, in Warren Co., Ohio, 7-10-1830; m, in S. C. Benjamine Evans, who was b, 10-12-1760; son of Thos. and Hannah Evans. Moved to Warren Co., Ohio. Issue: David, b, 6-30-1793; Elizabeth, b, 2-6-1795; Owen, b, 3-16-1803, d, 1827; George, b, 2-25-1802; Sarah, b, 3-6-1804; Mary, b, 2-22-1806; Jason, b, 11-25-1807 (Warren Co. records).
- V. Sarah, b, June 5th, 1769, in S. C. No record.
- VI. David, Jr., b, in S. C. April 20th, 1771; m, Sarah Flewellyng.
- VII. Joseph, b, S. C. March 13th, 1773. No record.
- VIII. John, b, S. C. Feb. 21st, 1775. No record.
- IX. George, b, S. C. Jan. 12th, 1779; m, on New Year's Day, 1797, Sarah Kennedy, dau. of Bowler Kennedy, and moved to Indiana.
- X. Ruth, b, S. C. Sept. 13th, 1781. Disowned 1801, no doubt from marrying out of Unity.

David Smith, Sr., was an unusual, strong, and interesting character. Surprising as it may seem, David Smith,

Sr., of Union, regardless of his activities in the Quaker meetings, became a Revolutionary soldier. His brother Ralph and Ralph's sons, over in Spartanburg, the adjoining county, were taking an active part in the war, and David could not contain himself; so, leading Quaker that he was, he enlisted in the Revolution in the early fall of 1783. For this "Indiscretion" "David Smith of Padgett Creek" was disowned and dismissed from Bush River Meeting House. This public dismissal occurred Nov. 29th, 1783. (See Bush River records and Hinshaw's Quaker Genealogies, Vol. I, pg. 1037, date 1783, and 11th, 29th, 1784, 4-24.). When David had served the several months of his enlistment, he was "restored" the following year, April 24th, 1784, after he had apologized for his "misconduct." David, it seems, had a habit of falling out of the Quaker church and being restored. It was a year later that David received his final army payment from the State of South Carolina.

"Stubbs Entries-South Carolina Records-page 114. No. 48

Issued to 3rd, June, 1785, to Mr. David Smith for Lib. S

44 pounds 2/101/4 stlg. for Melitia Duty before and since the reduction of Charleston pr. acct. audited."

The state of South Carolina was almost destitute of money during this period, and was forced for some time to pay its Revolutionary soldiers in scrip. This scrip was being redeemed from one year to as long as seven years in some instances after service ended.

David Smith's brother, Ralph Smith, of Spartanburg, was killed while leading a wagon train of supplies to the Revolutionary soldiers, when it was captured. His son, William Smith, was a Captain in the Revolution. He became a member of the United States Congress, and served several times in the house. (Andrea) (Also see Landrum's History).

1797—David Smith makes affirmation (being a Quaker he refused to swear)—in suit over a land deed made by James Campbell vs. Isaac Edmondson and his brother, Caleb Edmondson, and John Fincher. To-wit: Isaac Pearson, Thos. & William Bishop. Lands located on Enoree River.

Hannah Hibbs Smith, David's wife, died while her lastborn children were young. The Rev. William C. Smith in his book, "Indiana Miscellany," speaks of his ancestor, George Smith, as having been orphaned early. This meant only that he was motherless, for David Smith, Sr., of Union, lived to a good age. He also spoke of George Smith as about twelve years of age, trying to work and take care of his younger brothers and sisters as best he could. This is error, for George had only a sister younger than himself and he was five or six years of age when his mother died. Furthermore, his father, David, was living and a very "well to do" man. There are deeds made by David, Sr., of "96 District," South Carolina, with dower signed by Hannah all 1784. Then in 1786 David, Sr., makes deeds with no dower, showing Hannah to have been dead at this time. As David was a widower, it is likely that his married daughters or daughters-in-law took charge of the younger children and mothered them.

When David Smith's son, David, Jr., reached 'teen-age, the elder David began to sign himself "David Smith, Sr., of Union," even though he resided in another county for a time.

The Quaker churches all disbanded in South Carolina about 1800, and the members joined Protestant Churches, or moved to other localities.

George Smith, the ninth son of David Smith and Hannah Hibbs, with his wife, Sarah Kennedy (she b, Oct., 1776, in Virginia) joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1802, which had then been established that year in South Carolina at the first camp meeting "held in a pleas-

ant grove in the valley of the Enoree River." "They, with their first five children, moved to Wayne County, Indiana." (See Indiana Miscellany, by the Rev. William C. Smith.)

We do not have even the approximate date of our David Smith's death. We do know that after Hannah's death he deeded to his children or children-in-law most of his estate, even his household furniture and farming and garden implements, reserving a lifetime interest in some pieces of property. Therefore, he made no will.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA

David Smith, Jr.

and
Sarah Flewellyng

#### Third Generation

David Smith, Jr., the sixth child of David Smith, Sr., and Hannah Hibbs of Union County, South Carolina, was b, in Unionville, S. C., April 20th, 1771; d, in Union County March 4th, 1806. He m, about April, 1793, Sarah Flewellyng, sometimes written Flewellyn or Llewellyn. She was the daughter of Thomas and Martha Flewellyng of Laurens County, South Carolina, and was b, Dec. 1st, 1769; d, early in the Spring of 1844 in Tennessee.

The following extracts are from records of Union County, South Carolina: "1794 Josiah Duckett sold to David Smith, Jr., lands on Padgett Creek originally granted to David Smith, Sr., and by him sold to James Duckett and conveyed by him to Josiahs Duckett.

Wit., Thos. Lee, David Smith, Sr., and George Smith."

"1800, John Prince and wife, Elizabeth, sold to David Smith lands on Cane Creek.

Wit., Jesse Young, John Gray, and Caleb Smith."

"1805, Salithiel, as son of Thomas Heaton, sold to David Smith, Jr., lands bounded by lands of Phineas and Thomas Robards, a farm called 'Stony Hill.'

Witness, Daniel Prince."

There were other land transfers between David Smith and others, but it is difficult to decide whether David, Sr., or David, Jr.

David Smith, Jr., died young, at the age of thirty-five, leaving his widow, Sarah, with four children, all minors.

Children of David Smith, Jr., and Sarah Flewellyng

Martha Smith, b, Feb. 23rd, 1794; m, March 21st, 1810, John Wilbanks of Spartanburg, S. C.

John Smith, b, May 28th, 1796; m, Nov. 26th, 1814, Sally Riley of Tennessee. Lived in Alabama.

Hannah Smith, b, July 22nd, 1799; m, Oct. 10th, 1816, Colby Gray of South Carolina, later of Tennessee.

Elizabeth Smith, b, July 6th, 1801; m, E. M. Lynch of South Carolina. Lived in Spartanburg.

## WILL OF DAVID SMITH, JR.

State of South Carolina Union District.

With an awful reverence to the Divine Being, I, David Smith, of State & District aforesaid, being weak of body & of sound and disposing mind & memory, Thanks be to God for the Same but calling to mind the mortality of my body and that it is appointed for all men once to die, Do make and ordain this my Last Will & Testament in the manner following:

Principally & first of all I give & reccomend my soul into The Hands of Almighty God that gave it to me & my body to the Earth to be buried in Decent Christian Burial at the discretion of my Executors & as touching such worldly Estate as it hath pleased Almighty God to bless me with, I dispose in the following manner & form.

Ist Item . . . I give & bequeath to my wife, Sarah Smith, all the profits of my lands for the term of fourteen years, next ensuing & the plantation whereon I now live during her life or widowhood, also one negro girl named Cuba & at the death of my said wife, it is my will & desire that the said negro girl Cuba should be free from serving any person whatsoever. I also give my said wife Sarah Smith one bed and furniture & one sorrell mare known by the name of Old Mare.

2nd Item . . . I give to my daughter, Martha Smith, two hundred dollars but if she should die without living issue, it is my desire that the money fall back to the surviving legatees herein mentioned.

3rd Item . . . I give my son, John Smith, 180 acres of land called and known by the name of the Old or Lower place and 205 acres of land whereon I now live at the death or marriage of his mother,

my said wife, Sarah Smith, also one negro named Sam until the said negro shall arrive to the age of 26 years old & then for him, the said negro boy, to be free. But if the said John Smith should die without lawful issue then living, it is my will that his legacy be divided among the surviving legatees herein mentioned.

4th Item . . . I give to my daughter, Hannah Smith, the sum of two hundred dollars but if she should die without living issue, it is my desire that the money fall back to the surviving legatees herein mentioned.

5th Item . . . I give to my daughter, Elizabeth Smith, the sum of two hundred dollars but if she should die without living issue, it is my desire that the money fall back to the surviving legatees herein mentioned.

AND if any part of My Estate should remain after the payment of my just debts & the legacies above bequeathed it is my will that the remainder thereof should be equally divided amongst the above named legatees & I do hereby appoint William Woolbanks, David Floyd & John Addington as executors of this my last Will & Testament and I do hereby utterly revoke & make void all other wills & executors by me in any wise before made or named—Ratifying & confirming This & No Other to be my last Will & Testament, In Witness I have herewith set my hand & seal this 27th day of August, 1804.

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced & declared as his last will & testament in the presence of us.

DAVID SMITH (Seal)

James Gist

Benjamin Haile

J. Pearson.

Recorded in Will Book A, Page 200, Box 5, Package 6. Recorded 17 March, 1806. William Rice, Judge of Ordinary.

I hereby certify that this is a true Copy of will of William David Smith as made from WPA copy in the Columbia, S. C., Files.

Leonardo Andrea, Notary Public for S. C.

It will be seen that David Smith, Jr., made will Aug. 27th, 1804. It was recorded and probated March 17th, 1806.

The executors of David, Jr's, will evidently did not serve, for on the day the will was proved the widow, Sarah Smith, and William Smith were appointed administrators.

John Sanders and John Stokes were her bondsmen. Witnesses to will were James Gist, Ben Hill, and J. Pearson. (This is written Haile in will.)

The appraisers for the estate of David Smith, Jr., appointed April, 1806, were: Thomas Lee, Francis Fincher, Isaac Pearson, and Thomas Gitzendanner. The warrant to appraise was issued to Sarah Smith and William Smith. Some Smith buyers at the Smith sale were: Smith, George Smith and William Smith; also the widow, Sarah Smith.

John Smith, only son of David, Jr., and Sarah, although a boy of ten years when his father died, felt his importance very much as the man of the family now, and endeavored to look after his late father's farms, and his mother and sisters as best he could, although guardians were appointed for these minor children, by the court, as well as someone to superintend all business matters.

In an old notebook found among the effects of John Smith of Jefferson County, Alabama, after his death, dating back to his boyhood, is the following:

"Extracts copied from memorandum of money paid out from the Estate of David Smith, Jr., deceased:

"1806—Money to John Addington" "Cash to George McLean for digging a grave	
"Rec'd. of 'Jepse' Gray for his father" "Rec'd. of Hezekiah Gray	\$11.971/ <sub>2</sub> 0.75

<sup>&</sup>quot;Dec. 12th, 1807.

"Rec'd. eight dollars due from the "treasure" to the estate."

"Rec'd \$32.50 in a horse "swapt" out of the rent of the upper place for one year—\$13.50."

"Rec'd \$32.50 for a horse

\$13.50 for a gun

\$ 6.25 by cash

\$20.00 in a horse 'swapt' for a saddle (\$4.00 or \$8.00)."

"1808—Memorandum of the rent of David Smith, deceased:

"Benjamine Addington rented the upper place and Leathe's place at \$50.371/2."

"Francis Fincher the Prince place at \$6.00. Rented Francis Fincher a negro boy for the term of one year—\$6.00."

"Benj; Addington paid \$17.00 in repairing the shed of the front side of the house."

"Isaac Prince rented the Prince place at \$17.121/2."

"Francis Fincher hired two Negro boys at \$36.25."

"John Wilbanks hired 1 Negro boy for 2 years—\$35.00."

"David Barnett rented the upper place for the term of four years for \$15.00 each year."

"I hereby certify that I have received \$31.62 cts. for the tuition of John, Hannah, and Betsy Smith for one year "Jas. Felanagan."

A little over one year after David Smith, Jr.'s death, his widow, Sarah Flewellyng Smith, married a second time. She chose as her second husband Francis Fincher, a neighbor. They were married on Nov. 24th, 1807.

As both parties, Francis Fincher and Sarah Flewellyn Smith, owned property, a marriage contract was drawn up between them and signed as follows:

#### FINCHER or Finsher DATA

Book N.-1, page 534, S. C. Records, Nov. 24, 1807

Francis Fincher & Sarah Smith Marriage Contract

South Carolina, Union District.

To all whom these presents shall come, we, Francis Fincher and

Sarah Smith do send Greeting, Know ye that we Francis Fincher & Sarah Smith of state and district above written have this day covenanted together in a Marriage contract and doth covenant and agree and by this covenant and agreement doth bind ourselves, our heirs executors administrators and assigns firmly by these presents in the just sum of Eight thousand dollars to which payment well and truly be done we bind ourselves, our heirs executors administrators and every of them in witness whereof we have this day set our hands and seals-The condition of this covenant and agreement is such, that is to say, the said Francis Fincher doth agree, and covenant to, and with the said Sarah Smith that she may be at her will and pleasure with her negroes, together with the increase of said negroes, and her other property that she now has at this present date that are named and particularly described in an inventory to whom she will, and that the property of either of the contracting parties shall not be liable to pay the debts contracted by the said parties—that is to say that the property of said Fincher is not to pay the debts of said Smith, neither will the property of said Smith pay the debts of said Fincher. Each party paying their own debts with their own property-that is now contracted, and said Francis Fincher binds himself by this agreement to deliver said negroes as above written and other property that are to be shared at the time of said Sarah Smith deceased, unto such person as one entitled to them of same, agreeable to the said Sarah Smith's will provided the said Francis Fincher to be the longest liver and the said Sarah Smith doth agree and covenant to and with the said Francis Fincher to relinquish all her rights and dower except what the said Francis Fincher shall have to said Sarah Smith by will for her maintenance during her life or widowhood, provided the said Sarah Smith should be the longest liver and provided the said Fincher dies first, the said Sarah Smith is to have her negroes & property as above described, delivered unto her by the said Fincher, executors, or administrators, as her right.

And the above mentioned inventory is to be delivered to our trustee with the above contract and we the contracting parties doth mutually agree and doth appoint our trusted friends Isaac Pearson trustee for us, and to our use, and for the performance of all and every of said covenant and agreement either of the said parties bind themselves unto the other by these presents in witness whereof we have set our hand and seal this 24th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seven and in the thirty-second of American Independence.

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of Bird Murphey
Timothy P. Fincher

Francis Fincher (Seal)
her
Sarah x Smith
mark

A true inventory of the property of Sarah Smith and notes for each that she has brought with her into the hands of Francis Fincher at the time of her inter-marriage with him, that is to say one negro man named Joe of about 30 years of age and one negro woman named Cuba of about 23 years of age also two negro children both girls one named Rachel, of about two or three years of age, the other named Ann of about eight months, one sorrel mare with white in her face and her left hind foot white called and known by the name of Glib, one bay mare called and known by the name of Kate, bay mare called and known by the name of Hall with both her hind feet white, one sorral colt four cows, calves, and two yearlings all marked with a swallow fork on the left ear and underslip in the right, three sows and 20 pigs marked with a swallow fork in the left ear and an underslit in the right. One waggon and fixings from the end of tongue back with one old pair of chains two shovels and three clivices, three small swingle trees and one desk of drawers, one black Walnut chest, one black walnut knife box, with a number of books with Sarah Smith's name wrote in them. Three bed steads and furniture, two cotton wheels, one flax wheel, one check wheel, six chains, one small chain, two pair of fire dogs, two flat irons, shovel and tongues, two looking glasses, two Alomans saddles, and three bridles, one mans saddle, three rugs, the quantity of earthen

ware and glass to amount of \$12.00 87½ kitchen furniture, one large pot, one dutch oven, and one spider, copper teakettle, one middle size pot, three pewter dishes, four basons, 10 pewter plates, one set of knives and forks, two ten sugar canisters, two tubs and one tole, one picklening tub, and six flour barrels. Negroes, bedding and chains to the amount of six, and table. 2 bales of cotton marked E. E. each. One pair of hand billows. 2 Bills in Notes to the amount of two hundred and seventy-one dollars and 37 cents.—

One word in the thirty line Rosd before signed

Francis Fincher
her
Sarah x Smith
mark

South Carolina, Union District.

Personally came Timothy P. Fincher before me and made oath that he was present and saw Francis Fincher and Sarah Smith sign and seal the within instrument for the uses and purposes there expressed, and that Bird Murphey, together with himself, were at the same time subscribing witnesses to the same.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 11th day of Feb. Anno Domini 1808.

James Davis (Q. Y.)

Timothy P. Fincher

Filing a legal property contract in South Carolina by a couple about to be married was not an unusual thing, especially if one or the other was a widower or a widow.

Under the old South Carolina law which gave a husband control over his wife's money and property, a wife was responsible for her husband's debts. In fact he could mortgage her property without her consent for his own debts. This was legal until the "Scalawag" Legislature revoked the law—as one South Carolinian remarked: "To its eternal credit." Thus a marriage contract was the only way a wife could control her own property; and Sarah Smith was a widow with a set of heirs.

"It is to be regretted that the state of South Carolina never required nor had any marriage licenses or bonds during the entire history of the state until 1900, and the only way to prove a marriage in this state before this time is from old church registers, newspaper files, family Bibles, and marriage lists kept by some ministers, or where an estate was filed." (From South Carolina Hist. Commission.)

#### COURT RECORDS

"Feb. 28th, 1808—Francis Fincher and wife Sarah, formally Sarah Smith," Union Co. Court records,—"make application as guardian for John Smith, Hannah Smith, Elizabeth, and Martha Smith, (she) above 14 years old." The court granted this.

"June 7th, 1808,—Francis Fincher and his wife Sarah Fincher were appointed guardians of the minor children of the late David Smith."

"John McAlister, Dr. To John Smith, \$9.00 lent money."

"Francis Fincher with dower by wife Sarah sells 111/2aland to Francis W. Gist. 17th Oct. 1810. Wit. Joseph Gist & Daniel Felder.

"Francis Fincher with dower by wife Sarah to Isaac Pearson deed for 200a land originally granted John Fincher and by him sold to Holloman Whitson who in turn sold it to Francis Fincher/wit. John Townsend & Jasper Sanders. Dated 21 Sept. 1810 . . . also 221 a sold same date and same witnesses to Francis F. Gist."

"June 22nd 1812 the court is ordered to receive the annual report of Francis Fincher as guardian of the Smith children, minors."

In 1813 John Smith asked the court to approve his uncle-in-law, William Dillard, as his guardian; which request was granted. John was then 17 years of age.

"Francis Fincher with dower by wife Sarah 22nd Oct. 1813 sells tract of land to Isaac Prince, said lands originally granted to John Prince, and by him sold to"— (Name obliterated). Francis Fincher with dower by wife Sarah sells other lands in 1813, and there are no more entries for them in South Carolina.

"Recd. of Francis Fincher. 75 cts as guardian of the minor children of David Smith."

"Unionville, May 12th, 1814.—Recd. of Francis Fincher \$1.00 for recording a bond on William Dillard for the management of that part of the estate of David Smith, Jr., deceased, which is coming to John Smith, minor, son of David deceased.

Late in 1814 the Fincher family moved from Union County, South Carolina, to Lincoln County, Tennessee. Before continuing the data about them, we give what data there is to be found in South Carolina of Sarah Smith Fincher's family, the Flewellyngs.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA

THOMAS AND MARTHA FLEWELLYNG
Parents of Mrs. Sarah Flewellyng Smith-Fincher

The Flewellyng family is of Welch origin, and descends from LLewellyn ap Griffith (d, 1282), a native Prince of Wales, and his wife, Eleanor Mountfort.

The name was written in various ways, according to the phonetic sound to illiterate and careless court clerks. In South Carolina it was called Flewellyng. The families seem to have settled in Pennsylvania and Virginia, then emigrated to South Carolina, and many became Quakers.

Our Thomas Flewellyng, father of Sarah, who married David Smith, Jr., came from Louden County, Virginia, to Laurens County, South Carolina. In Louden County, Virginia, records the name is written "Lewellin."

"Louden Co., Va. 1768. Thomas Lewellin witnessed the will of David Potts;" "1773 James Lewellin with Wm. Dillard witnessed a will;" "1778 Thomas Lewellin was legatee in the will of Samuel Butcher." (See Wills and Abstracts from Louden County, Virginia.)

Now our Thomas Flewellyng had land grants in Laurens County, South Carolina earlier than these—as early as 1770—but he evidently owned land and kept in touch with relatives and friends in Virginia.

See the following in South Carolina Historical Commission Memorial, Book 7, pg. 462: "The memorial of Thomas Flewellyng of a survey made 18th of Feb. 1772, on the South side of Enoree River for 100 acres in Craven Co.— (later Laurens)—bounded on the North by the lands of Duckett and Bishop; on the N. E. by vacant lands, and on the South and East by lands of Owen and Thomas Flewellyng."

It will be seen that Thomas Flewellyng had lands al-

ready, besides the grant above. These were in Laurens County, where he built his family homestead.

Thomas Flewellyng's wife, Martha, died several years before him. Just before his death, which occurred on the 9th of Dec., 1802, he deeded away all his lands, even his homestead, to his daughters or to his sons-in-law for them. Therefore he left no will.

Thomas and Martha Flewellyng had seven daughters, viz:

- 1. Mary Flewellyng, m, Joseph Martindale.
- 2. Sarah Flewellyng, m, 1st David Smith, Jr.; 2nd, Francis Fincher.
  - 3. Susannah Flewellyng, m, William Dillard.
  - 4. Phoebe Flewellyng, m, John Garrett.
  - 5. Elvira Flewellyng, m, ———— Gray.
  - 6. Elizabeth Flewellyng, m, ———— Ellis.
  - 7. Mileah Flewellyng, m, Joseph Potts.

One of these, Susannah, wife of William Dillard, we will mention later in the Smith-Fincher data as of particular interest.

#### **TENNESSEE**

# SARAH FLEWELLYNG SMITH FINCHER and her son JOHN SMITH

Lincoln County, Tennessee, was cut from Bedford in 1809, but the county was not organized for business transactions until 1810.

Francis and Sarah Flewellyng Smith Fincher came from South Carolina to Tennessee late in 1814. Sarah's son, John Smith, came nearly a year earlier, but remained only a short time in Lincoln County before going over into Fentress County.

From a copy of Tennessee Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, Lincoln County minutes, 1814-1817:

"Nov. 7th 1814 Bill of sale from Francis Fincher and Sarah Fincher his wife, to William Sims, Esqr. and James Duncan, son of Alexander, for five negroes."

"Deed Book C—I pg 151, Lincoln Co., deed between Francis Fincher and Benj. Huston." Fincher purchased 631/2 acres of land, Reg. Dec. 7th 1814."

"May 2nd, 1815, an Indenture of bargain and sale from Francis Fincher and Sarah, his wife, to Isaac Person (Pearson?) for 250 acres of land in South Carolina, and Eli Garrett and Samuel Barnes Esquires whose names were signed to the private examination of Sarah Fincher, are acting Justices of the Peace for said Co., and that due faith is, and ought to be given to their attention as such."

"May 6th 1815, An Indenture of sale of 50 acres of land in S. C. by Francis Fincher and his wife Sarah. Witnessed same as above."

"Nov. 6th, 1815,—Ordered that Francis Fincher be allowed to build a grist mill on Shelton's Creek where his cotton mill and powder mills are now located."

Francis Fincher bought 640 acres of land in Tennessee on Nov. 4th, 1817, from Andrew Shultz, recorded in Deed book E. I-, pg. 438, for a consideration of \$2240.00. He evidently became dissatisfied with this land because same was sold to John Stiles on Jan. 18th, 1819, for a consideration of \$2,000.00 and recorded in book E-I, pg. 432, the last deed for some reason being recorded prior to the first. It calls for the waters of Elk River, and indicates to be around Smithland of Lincoln County.

There is no indication that the daughters of Mrs. Sarah Smith Fincher came to Tennessee with her and their stepfather. Yet they probably did, as some were under age. They may, however, have remained behind in South Carolina with relatives. All three married South Carolina men. Hannah married Colby Gray of South Carolina Oct. 10th, 1816, and moved to Lincoln County, Tennessee, several years later, where both lived and died. Elizabeth Smith married E. W. Lynch of Spartanburg, S. C., and Martha married John Wilbanks March 21st, 1819, and moved to Spartanburg. John Smith, who went over into Fentress County, Tennessee, which was made from a part of Old Overton, met and married Sally Riley, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Riley, who had moved there from Kentucky. He and Sally were married Nov. 26th, 1814, each only eighteen years of age. They moved back into Lincoln County, where they lived until their first child, David, was born. In 1816 they removed down to that part of Mississippi Territory which is now Jefferson County, Alabama.

There were several families of Smiths living in Lincoln County at this time; one with the name John, another David. These were not related to the Smith family from South Carolina, and must not be confused with John Smith, son of Sarah and David.

There is a place near Franklin that belonged to our John, it is said, and in the 1900s was purchased by John's

grandson, Joseph R. Smith, Jr., of Birmingham, who made of it a beautiful stock farm.

In the will of John Smith's father, David, in South Carolina, the home place was to go to John on the death or remarriage of John's mother, Sarah. As John was only 18 when he was married, William Dillard, of South Carolina, his guardian, may have sold the South Carolina home for him and purchased land for him in Lincoln County, Tennessee.

This writer does not have the lineage of the two daughters, Elizabeth and Martha Smith, daughters of David and Sarah Smith. We know that Martha, who married John Wilbanks, and lived in Spartanburg, left an only child, Eleanor Wilbanks, who married E. Stone. It is said that Elizabeth Smith, who married E. W. Lynch and also lived in Spartanburg, left heirs.

## SOUTH CAROLINA and TENNESSEE

The Estate of
Mrs. Susannah Flewellyng Dillard
Sister of Mrs. Sarah Flewellyng Smith-Fincher

Mrs. Susannah Flewellyng Dillard, widow of William Dillard of Laurens County, South Carolina, and daughter of Thomas and Martha Flewellyng, deceased, died intestate and without a will in 1837, and the Court ordered that her estate be divided according to the law of the state, and to her sisters, or their bodily heirs.

Mrs. Dillard died childless, and was a wealthy woman for a Quaker, and for pioneer times. Her estate has been valued by genealogists at more than \$100,000.00; and this did not include her slaves, whom she seems to have eman-

cipated before her death, yet still remained with her. Two or three house slaves, however, she had previously "loaned" to three of her sisters, and these were charged to them in the division of the estate.

She had inherited land from her father, Thomas Flewellyng, and William Dillard not only inherited land and slaves, but was a man of fine business ability and judgment, as was evinced by his being so often named as administrator of estates, and guardian of orphan children.

As the death of Mrs. Dillard and activity concerning her estate occurred after Sarah Smith Fincher moved to Tennessee, the data concerning it is placed in this chapter.

From the South Carolina records we find the following: "Estate of Mrs. Susannah Dillard, widow of William Dillard, administered by John Whitmire of Duncan Creek- 4th Feb. 1837. His bondsmen were; Richard Ferguson, John Bouland, and Saml Young.—Appraisers appointed by the court were John Bouland, Samuel Young, and Joseph Duncan."

"Citation: John Whitmire of Duncan Creek was a near neighbor of Mrs. Dillard, was familiar with all her money affairs, and he has the full confidence of all her kinsmen and hairs.—if any object make it known "etc. Nathan Whitmire makes affidavit that he personally read the citation at the home of Mrs. Lane 2nd Feb. 1837, where the Friends now hold their meetings." One neighbor in referring to Mrs. Dillard, called her "That kind, amiable, and wealthy Quakeress." Another said: "Mrs. Dillard is full of Charity and has a deep love for the lowest of humankind."

"An order was given when the late husband of Mrs. Dillard died, his estate was administered, and his heirs received their full share, and therefore they will not heir in her estate."

"An order by the Court: The eldest sister of Mrs. Dillard has long since been dead, and she is survived by no

bodily heirs, and it is the order of the Court that her share become a part of the residue of the Dillard estate." This sister was Mrs. Mary Flewellyng Martindale, wife of

Joseph Martindale.

"First Division.— (Some minor divisions before that time)—The Court ordered that an equal division be made of cash on hand,— (holding an amount for further expenses)—between the five surviving heirs of Mrs. Dillard as follows:

Sister, Mrs. Mileah Potts, nee Flewellyng.

Sister, Mrs. Sarah Smith Fincher, nee Flewellyng.

Sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Ellis, nee Flewellyng.

Sister, Mrs. Elvira Gray, nee Flewellyng.

Heirs of the deceased sister, Mrs. Phoebe Garrett, nee Flewellyng.

The eldest sister was Mrs. Mary Martindale, who had died without heirs. Mrs. Susannah Dillard was the other of the "Seven Sisters."

From the Court of Equity 23rd Dec., 1825, in regard to a deed, we find the names of Phoebe Flewellyng Garrett's heirs as follows:

"Heirs of the late John Garrett, Sr., and his wife, the late Phoebe Garrett: Martha, w, of George Dillard; Noah Garrett, dower Elizabeth; Mary, w, of James White; John Garrett, dower Mary; Enoch Garrett; Joseph Garrett; Elizabeth, w, of Jesse Garrett; Phoebe, w, of John Lynch; Fleming Garrett, decd., his heirs were his widow, Sarah Garrett, and his children, Mary R. Styles, Luvenia Garrett, Noah Garrett, and Elizabeth Garrett."

In the first division, Dec. 5th, 1838, "Francis Fincher of Tennessee in person signed a receipt for \$38,880.35cts." as a share of his wife Sarah. The same amount was paid to each of the five sets of heirs "14th of Feb. 1839, a second division of money was made, and each heir or set of heirs received \$3918.00. Strange to say these divisions continued with amounts more or less for thirteen years.

The amounts after the first three years averaged about \$1400.00 annually. Mrs. Dillard owned a fine plantation home, handsomely furnished. The appraisal and sale alone take up more than twenty pages of court records.

She was a woman of excellent education and aesthetic taste; and was a patron of the fine arts. She owned many oil paintings and portraits, a good library, a quantity of silver, and fine linen, etc. They were disposed of at a sale. The heirs making a choice of articles paid no cash for them and deducted from the cash due each.

At the first sale of personal effects, the total sum amounted to \$20,096.75 and the largest buyers were the families of Potts, Gray, Ellis, and the Garrett heirs. James Dillard, a nephew, had power of attorney from Noah Garrett, son of Phoebe, and bought much for him. George Dillard who wed Martha Garrett, a niece; the Duncans, related to the Smiths; the Whitmires, and others purchased in quantities; but there was not a single descendant of Sarah Smith Fincher at the sale! Had they been present, and had purchased a share of the beautiful silver flat ware and plate, fine old china, glass and linens, and a few paintings, oil portraits, pieces of furniture, books, brass, pewter, and bric-a-brac, the descendants of John Smith, Esqr., and his sisters, as well as those of his Fincher halfbrothers and sisters, would today own some very valuable antiques, in which they could feel pride as real family heirlooms.

It is true that Francis Fincher was there from Tennessee to represent his wife, Sarah, but Francis was a materialist, not an idealist or a sentimentalist. He bought not one item, but chose the cash instead, signed for it and brought it home!

The exact *month* date of Sarah Smith Fincher's death has not been found on record, but it occurred in the year 1844.

The marriage contract of Sarah Smith and Francis

Fincher made in South Carolina in 1807 was, after 37 years, filed in the Lincoln County, Tennessee, Court House in 1842, but this, no doubt, was filed by one of Sarah Smith's children, perhaps by John Smith or Hannah Gray, to protect their interest and inheritance coming from the estate of their late father, David Smith. Their mother, Sarah, was receiving a sum annually from the Dillard Estate, which both sets of children—Smith and Fincher—would heir, and the property mentioned in the South Carolina contract was from David Smith's estate, heired only by the Smith children, and the recorded contract would prevent confusion.

Francis Fincher went to South Carolina three or four years to sign for and bring back Sarah's annual amount from the Dillard estate.

There is the fragment of a letter in the Dillard file in South Carolina addressed to "The Judge of the Ordinary (old title of the present Judge of Probate). It begins: "My Dear Sir: My wife has lately died in Tennessee and I reserve the right to administer on her estate here. . . . I relinquish the right to administer in South Carolina to my friend, Mr. J. H. Irby, for the estate of my late wife, this being the Dillard estate, and Mr. Irby is to administer for the purpose of receiving for her heirs the rest of the distributive share of my dead wife in said estate.

(Signed) "Francis Fincher," and dated

\*"16th of May, 1844."

In 1845 it is noted that J. H. Irby and William Mills, Jr., have given bond and are administering on her estate in South Carolina.

\*This shows that Mrs. Sarah Smith Fincher died in the spring of 1844.

The following is the last receipt signed by Francis Fincher: "May 8th 1845. I have this day received from the estate of Mrs. Susannah Dillard the sum of \$1124.82 which was my share in the personal estate, and also a

receipt for \$4243.28 as a share in the real estate." Of course he means his share as administrator of the heirs of his late wife, Sarah Smith Fincher.

Again a fragment of paper with portions lost is found in South Carolina which reads: "The state of Tennessee. . . . Francis Fincher departed this life some time since August. . . . sgnd. . . . 4th Jan. 1849. . . . " The signature is missing. The August referred to had to be Aug., 1848.

After the death of both Francis Fincher and his wife, Sarah Smith Fincher, W. H. Wilbanks of South Carolina administered for the Fincher heirs in receiving their annual income from both their parents, Francis and Sarah. In his application for administration papers Wilbanks styles himself "one of the next of kin." He was, it seems a brother-in-law to the Fincher children, having married Sarah A. Fincher. He also administered for the heirs of Mrs. Sarah Smith Fincher's two deceased Fincher children, Daniel Fincher and Rebecca Styles. William Wilbanks must not be confused with John Wilbanks, who married Martha Smith, daughter of Sarah and David Smith, Jr.

The amount received annually by Sarah Smith Fincher's heirs dwindled perceptibly when divided by seven—four Smith heirs and three Finchers. The court in 1850 orders the balance of the money from the Dillard estate to Sarah Fincher paid to J. H. Irby, who in turn will pay to Wilbanks. The order reads: "Of the residue still remaining, it is ordered divided into seven equal shares."

The court then ordered these shares of \$172.60 minus deductions be paid to the following heirs of Sarah Smith Fincher:

John Smith
Hannah, wife of Colby Gray
Elizabeth, wife of E. W. Lynch
Sarah A., wife of William Wilbanks
The heirs of Daniel E. Fincher
The heirs of Rebecca Styles

Elinor, wife of E. Stone—she being only dau. and heir of the late Martha Smith Wilbanks. (Martha m, John Wilbanks.)

By 1850 the annual amount after deductions had

dropped to about \$1131.00.

"The estate of Mrs. Rebecca Styles has received from J. H. Irby as administrator of the estate of Mrs. Sarah Smith Fincher the sums of \$163.00, and from William Wilbanks, administrator of the Francis Fincher estate in Tennessee, the sum of \$137.94cts. paid to her heirs."

There seems to have been only one heir to the Daniel E. Fincher estate. "Paid to Adde for her share in her father's estate the sum of 137.94cts.; and from the estate

of Mrs. Sarah Smith Fincher \$163.00."

We, the descendants of John Smith, Esqr., should feel pride in, and give homage to, this great, great aunt of ours. Susannah Flewellyng Dillard, with her Quaker menage and her gracious personality.

#### **TENNESSEE**

## Hannah Smith and Colby Gray

#### Fourth Generation

Hannah Smith, daughter of Sarah Flewellyng and David Smith, Jr., was born in Union District, South Carolina, July 22nd, 1799, died in Lincoln County, Tennessee, July 9th, 1864; married Oct. 10th, 1816, Colby Gray, son of John Gray of South Carolina. Colby Gray died in Tennessee Sept. 13th, 1852.

His father, John Gray, was a Revolutionary soldier of South Carolina, who was wounded in battle. The Revolutionary soldier John Gray who died in Tennessee was not the father of Colby Gray.

Hannah Smith Gray's mother, Mrs. Sarah Smith Fincher, and her stepfather, Francis Fincher, moved to Lincoln County, Tennessee, in 1814, from South Carolina. It seems that Hannah Smith and Colby Gray did not move to Tennessee until about 1850, after the death of her mother, Mrs. Sarah Smith Fincher, which occurred in 1844. The first record in deeds found in Lincoln County of Colby Gray was in 1850. "Colby Gray of Milson P. Smith, tract on waters of Shetons, 50 acres, Aug. 22nd, 1850." He evidently bought more land later as his will shows.

He built his homestead on his land in Lincoln County. This old home is still standing, though it has to some extent been remodeled. Colby Gray evidently was in ill health at this time, for he made his will August, 1849. This was admitted to record December, 1852, but his death occurred in September of that year.

#### WILL OF COLBY GRAY

Will Book 2, Page 42.

The last Will and Testament of Colby Gray. Colby Gray being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me at any time made.

1st. I wish a sufficient quantity of my personal property—my slaves excepted—to be sold to pay all my debts and funeral expenses.

2nd. I give and bequeath to my wife Hannah Gray during her natural life or widowhood my tract of land containing two hundred and fifty-five acres, and all my slaves, and all the personal property that may be left after paying my debts and funeral expenses.

3rd. After the death or marriage of my said wife, Hannah Gray, I wish said tract of two hundred and fifty-five acres to be sold on one and two years credit, and the proceeds equally divided amongst my six children to wit David S., John D., and Brice P., Joshua D., Martha Carolina and Sarah Elizabeth Gray.

4th. After the death or marriage of my said wife Hannah Gray, I wish my negroes to be equally divided amongst my said six children so as to leave to Martha Carolina during her natural life for her sale and separate use free from contracts or control of any

future husband she may have, a negro girl named Emuline now about seventeen years old and after her death said Emuline and her increase to be equally divided amongst the children of said Martha Carolina: And in like manner my daughter Sarah Elizabeth to have my negro girl named Cuba, age about fifteen years old, during her natural life for her sale and separate use free from the contracts or control of any husband she may have, and after her death said girl Cuba and her increase to be equally divided amongst the children of said Sarah Elizabeth. If my said children can not agree about the division of said negroes they are to get three disinterested men to divide them, as not to sell any of the negroes out of the family.

5th. I have heretofore given each of my sons a horse worth about fifty dollars and I now give to my two said daughters each a horse worth fifty dollars to be received by them as they respectively marry or at the death or marriage of my said wife.

6th. If my said two daughters in the division of said land and negroes should receive more for their share than the negroes given to them in the 4th clause of this my Will then and in that event, I give and bequeath said property to them during their natural lives for their sole and separate use from the contract or control of any future husband they may have and at their death thereon children to have that portion of said property that their parents took.

7th. I wish one of my three last named sons to live with and take care of their mother during her lifetime.

8th. I do hereby nominate and appoint my son David S. Gray executor of this, my last Will and Testament.

Witnesseth my hand and seal this 6th day of Aug. 1849.

Signed sealed and published in our presence this 7th day of Aug. 1849.

Attest: Young T. Taylor

James Stiles.

Colby Gray (SEAL)

Colby is an abbreviation of Coleman.

Proven and admitted to record at the Dec. Term 1852 of the County Court of Lincoln County. Geo. Sunningham, Clerk.

Colby Gray's inventory is on pg. 409 in Tennessee Book of Wills, 1842 onward. Date of Inventory and list Dec. 6th, 1852. His Will and Inventory are in different books. His son, David Gray, it is seen, was made administrator, but he did not serve long, as his death occurred in Dec., 1854.

Hannah Smith Gray lived in her home with her children until her death in 1864.

An old record preserved in the family is as follows:

Head-Quarters United States Forces, Fayetteville, Tenn., July 31, 1863

A SAFEGUARD is hereby granted to Hannah Gray, person and property, except forage.

All Officers, Soldiers and Employees of this command are hereby required to respect the same.

By order of Colonel ELI LONG.

T. J. Paffin, Maj. and Provost Marshal

Hannah Smith Gray is buried about four miles east of Kelso, Tenn. Her tomb is made of native stones, as there were no railroad facilities or navigable waters convenient in those pioneer times. She was said to have been a large, handsome woman of fine mind, and strength of character.

CHILDREN

of

HANNAH SMITH

and

COLBY GRAY

A. David Smith Gray, nicknamed "Dot," b, Aug. 4th, 1817; m, Mary Morehead. He d, Dec., 1845. (See Will Book 2, pg. 103). He was administrator of his father's estate. He was said to have been a large man of fine stature.

Their Issue

- a. John Gray-m, Ida
- b. William Gray
- c. David Gray
- d. Brice Gray

- e. Octavius Gray
- f. Mary Gray
- g. Sarah Gray
- h. Hannah Gray-m, Mr. Gettis. Had son, Wm. Gettis.
- B. John Gray-b, Sept. 2nd, 1819; m, Polly Crawford.
- C. Brice Braytor Gray-b, Jan. 16th, 1821; m, Betsy Jennings.
- D. Joshua Dodson Gray-b, April 4th, 1823; m, Betsy Morehead.
- E. Martha Caroline Gray—b, Sept. 28th, 1825; m, Samuel Gray Irvine Sept. 5th, 1851.

#### Their Issue

- a. Callie Irvine; never married
- b. Praytor Irvine
- c. Susan J. Irvine—b, June 9th, 1854; m, Mr. Cowley; had issue:
  - a. Rufus Dillon Cowley, of Kelso, Tenn., married Lula Lavonia Franklin. Issue:
    - 1. Nell Cowley married James S. Hereford. Issue:
      - (1) Rufus T. Hereford
      - (2) James S. Hereford, Jr.
    - 2. John B. Cowley, Headquarters F. A. Bn. 30, Div. Co. 113. Belgium, World War II. Married Katherine Anita Towery. Issue:
      - (1) Catherine Ardee Cowley
      - (2) John B. Cowley, Jr.
- F. Sara Ann Elizabeth Gray-b, July 17th, 1827; m, Mr. Motlow of a prominent Franklin County family.

The above births are from an old moth-eaten Bible belonging to Hannah Smith Gray.

#### **ALABAMA**

JOHN SMITH, Esqr.
and
SALLY RILEY

#### Fourth Generation

In a preceding chapter, it is seen that the married life of John Smith and Sally Riley had begun in Tennessee.

John Smith, the only son of David Smith, Jr., and Sarah Flewellyng Smith, was born in Union District, South Carolina, May 28th, 1796, died in Jefferson County, Alabama, Oct. 31st, 1876; m, Nov, 26th, 1814, Sally Riley, the daughter of Elizabeth and Joseph Riley of Tennessee.

Sally Riley was b, July 4th, 1796, in Knox County—later called Rockcastle County—Kentucky, died in Jefferson County, Alabama, April 2nd, 1863, "aged 66 yrs., 8 mos., and 2 days." The Rileys were originally Virginians, who came from England.

During the Indian wars, about 1813-1814, when Jackson's army was called down to Talladega Indian Town to aid the Cherokees against their enemies, the Creeks, many soldiers returning to Tennessee passed through what was then Mississippi Territory—now Jones Valley in Jefferson County, Alabama. One of these was David Crockett, the famous hunter and Indian fighter of Tennessee, who made two trips through this section, going as far as the Indian Village of "Tushkaloosha" with a view to buying Government lands.

Crockett was acquainted with the Smith family in Tennessee. He with others gave such glowing description of a beautiful and fertile valley, supplied with abundant water, that young John Smith, along with some neighbors, decided to remove to this locality. He came first in 1815,

selected his land near a very large spring, staked it off, and returned to Tennessee. In the fall of 1816 after his Tennessee crop had been gathered, he came back with his wife and child, and their household goods in the group of three or four other pioneer families traveling in covered wagons.

John drove his own wagon, while Sally rode much of the way horseback on a blooded mare given her by her father, and carrying her first born, David, in her arms. Naturally, when the weather was inclement or she grew tired, she changed to the wagon. These parties of pioneers traveling together, stopping at taverns along the way, or making camp, did not find the journey too irksome.

Young John, although two years married and a father, was now just twenty years of age. When they reached his chosen location in Alabama, John, to his dismay, found that someone else had taken up his land during his absence, and was living on it. There was nothing to do but choose another location, which he set about at once. This proved a better selection than the first. It was not so far from his first choice, was rich land, well wooded, with three springs, and more elevated. Best of all, there stood upon it in good condition the abandoned cabin of a "squatter."

John and Sally made their log cabin with its puncheon floors clean and comfortable, and set up housekeeping.

This location is in what is now Jefferson County, Alabama, in the Northern Vicinity of the City of Bessemer, and quite near the present Woodward golf links, and about ten miles southwest of the present city of Birmingham.

A letter from Mrs. Lucy Weaver Sparks, of Mississippi, two generations later, to her cousin-in-law, Dr. Cunningham Wilson of Birmingham, paints a picture of the hardihood and bravery of the young pioneers of that day.

That picture is presented by quoting extracts from her letter:

"On one of my visits to Grandpa (John Smith, Esqr., of Alabama) the weather was most inclement. As he was not very well, and getting along in years, he was rather closely confined indoors.

"We had some cozy fireside talks together. He spoke much of his past life, and of his coming to Alabama.

"Grandpa and his wife Sally settled in a one-room log house, back some distance from where their permanent home was later built.

"This section was all called Blount County, Mississippi Territory, then. There was no Alabama or Jefferson County. The land was fresh and fertile.

"So anxious were these young people to see their land cleared, that Grandma would go out with Grandpa after their early supper, and help him burn great heaps of brush and leaves.

"Indians roamed the back country, wolves howled on the hills, and the sight of a bear was not uncommon.

"After a few nights' experience, Grandma grew uneasy about leaving the baby alone in the cabin, so Grandpa, one day, cut down, split, and skinned the bark from an oak. He sawed this into a 3 ft. length, hollowed it out as smooth as possible like a trough, and fastened on each end the half of a barrel head, curved side down. He then carried it in and presented it to Grandma to her delight.

"After this, when the weather permitted, they would place the baby, wrapped in a blanket, on a feather pillow in the log cradle, and carry him out to the new ground, where he was much entertained watching his young parents make bonfires until he fell asleep.

"The next year, 1817, when Grandpa came of age, and before the birth of his second child, Uncle Joe, he went to Tennessee to receive his share of his father's estate." Just how this share was given to John Smith is not known, as the property left him by his father, David Smith, Jr., in the latter's will, was in Unionville, S. C. It is possible that the administrators turned over deeds to these to John Smith, or, perhaps the land was sold and other property purchased for him in Tennessee.

Mrs. Sparks further wrote: "He returned to Alabama with a negro man who was a fine blacksmith, a negro girl, and a nice sum of money, sufficient to pay for quite

enough land about him to make a large farm.

"From then on he prospered."

One wonders if the negro man was the former boy "Sam" left to John in the will of his father, and who was to "receive his freedom at the age of twenty-six."

The girl was named "Rachael" and was the two or three-year-old girl of his mother's marriage contract. She

lived her life with the family of John Smith.

In the old Smith burying ground on the hill beyond the site of the pioneer residence, among the family graves, is one with an upright slab or headstone, on which is carved this inscription: "To the memory of old Aunt Rachael, died 1874, aged 70 years. The black mammy of John Smith's ten children. This stone erected by one of them."

This was placed there by John Smith's second son, Dr.

Joseph Riley Smith.

After a time, John Smith built his permanent home. This was a large structure, a story and a half high, with ells and large rooms, the whole quite generous enough to house the ten children Sally bore him.

John Smith was a man of fine mind and very well educated for the times. He enjoyed reading the few books

and newspapers of the day.

Among his household furnishings brought from Tennessee was a large box of books. A corner book case made of polished walnut that was set in or built into his home,

is now owned by a great-granddaughter, Mrs. Susan Dupuy of Birmingham.

John Smith was a man of keen intellect, fair minded, and of sound judgment. He always thought a subject through before acting upon it. He was a kindly man, and many brought their problems of various nature to him for advice. These he helped to solve with understanding and wisdom.

He is described in an old history of Jefferson County as "A man of indominable will, strong convictions, remarkable courage, and of literary attainment of the higher order." (See Hist. Jefferson County, published by Smith & Teeple.)

He was quiet in manner and possessed a certain dignity that commanded respect. He was a teetotaler and had little patience with those who indulged in alcoholic drinks of any kind.

Mary Gordon Duffee, in her series of articles, "Pioneer Papers," says: "Mr. John Smith, one of the noblest men I ever knew, came to the valley to live in 1816. He was a planter, and gathered his first crop in 1817. His home was on a beautiful elevation, surrounded by a large plantation, and commanded an extensive view of the valley and Red Mountain." "A man of profound regard for the rights of others, and a lofty sense of justice, he was known and loved as the 'Good Samaritan' of the valley, because of his charitable deeds, in which he was sustained by his wife.

"He pursued cotton planting upon a large scale, owning prior to the War Between the States, about sixty slaves, and more than 2000 acres of land, which is today among some of the most valuable in Alabama." (See Jefferson County Hist.)

He was a County Commissioner for several years, and a magistrate in 1824. In religion it was said that John Smith was a Congregationalist. Sorrow came to him in the early '60s, and he was for a time almost unconsolable. His faithful wife, Sally, died March 5th, 1863. Next, his son, Col. John B. Smith, of the Confederate Army, was mortally wounded at the Battle of Vicksburg, and died July 14th, 1863. Then his son, Octavius, died Feb. 27th, 1868.

The Northern armies laid waste his fields, and confiscated for their use the crops and most of his horses and cattle. Added to this, at the war's close, the majority of his slaves, although set free, refused to leave, and, like lost children begged to remain. Perhaps this was the stimulus he needed—the knowledge that responsibility and difficulties were again his to overcome.

He confided his situation to his one-time slaves and assured them that he would provide for them in some way.

Confederate money was more worthless than corn shucks, and he had been able to turn very little of it to gold before the war ended. He sent each slave back to his cabin with its own shade and fruit trees, and made a bargain to plot out the plantation so that each could work a share; and at the same time he used his credit for the meager food and seeds available. In this manner, with planning and frugal management he worked out of the chaos about him.

He took great pride and pleasure in his large family, and before his death made generous advances of land and money to his sons and daughters. He gave to each all the education the county afforded, and the offer of college to any who desired it.

He began his married life in a wilderness, but he lived to see the valley open up and "blossom like a rose." He heard the hum of iron industries and saw the beginning of the great steel city of Birmingham. He died at his home Oct. 31st, 1878, and is buried in his family cemetery on the hill.

### **CHILDREN**

of
JOHN SMITH, Esqr.
and
SALLY RILEY

- 1. David Smith, b, Dec. 11th, 1815, in Lincoln County, Tennessee; m, 1st, Emily Caroline Taylor of Jefferson County, Alabama; m, 2nd, Mrs. Betty Brownlee of Mississippi; m, 3rd, Mrs. Willie Lawrence Holbrook of Mississippi.
  - 2. Joseph Riley Smith, M. D., b, Feb. 6th, 1818, in Blount County, Mississippi Territory, now Jefferson County, Alabama; m, 1st, Margaret Harvie Jordan of Jefferson County; m, 2nd, Mrs. Mary Smithers Kilpatrick of Kentucky.
  - 3. William Dillard Smith, b, Sept. 24th, 1820; m, Martha Ann Rutledge of Jefferson County.
  - 4. Col. John Bass Smith, b, Feb. 11th, 1823; m, Sarah Nabers of Jefferson County.
  - 5. Octavius Spencer Smith, b, Sept. 16th, 1825; m, Melinda Nabers of Jefferson County.
  - 6. Capt. Thomas Smith, b, Feb. 7th, 1828; m, Susan Price of Texas.
  - 7. Susan Elizabeth Smith, b, April 21st, 1830; m, Frederick Tolbert Weaver of Mississippi.
  - 8. George Washington Smith, b, July 19th, 1833; m, Lucinda Nabers of Jefferson County.
  - 9. Sarah Jane Smith, b, June 20th, 1835; m, Washington M. Baird of Jefferson County.
- 10. Lucy Evaline Smith, b, March 5th, 1839, in Jefferson County. Never married.

# THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of John Smith

### THE STATE OF ALABAMA, JEFFERSON COUNTY.

"I, John Smith, of the State and County aforesaid, knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die and being of sound mind and memory and desirous to make some provision for the support of my two daughters, Sarah J. Baird and Lucy E. Smith, do make and declare this my last will and testament (hereby revoking all other wills which may have been made by me heretofore). First, having heretofore given to my sons, David Smith, Joseph R. Smith, William D. Smith, and Thomas Smith, and my daughter, Susan Weaver, all I expect ever to give them, except what is hereinafter executed.

Item 1st. I give to my sons, George W. Smith and Thomas Smith, jointly the S.W. 1/4 of Section 34, Township 18, Range 4 West; and also the N.E. 1/4 of the S.W. 1/4 of Section (1) one, Township 19, Range 4 West, containing 20 acres more or less.

Item 2nd. I give to the children of my dece

Item 2nd. I give to the children of my deceased son, John B. Smith, the W. ½ of N.W. ¼ of Section 20, Township 18, Range 4 West. I also give to the said children one-half of all personal property (should there be any) after the division of my property as is desired by me in this will.

Item 4th. I give to the daughter of my deceased son, O. S. Smith, now the wife of Dr. George M. Morrow, the other one-half of said personality as described in Item 3rd with the said children of said J. B. Smith, dec'd.

Item 5th. I give and bequeath to my daughters, Sarah J. Baird and Lucy E. Smith (in addition to lands heretofore deeded to them) the real estate on which I now live, described as follows: The S.E. 1/4 of Section 33 and the E. 1/2 of N.W. 1/4 and the S.W. 1/4 of S.W. 1/4 and the S.W. 1/4 of N. W. 1/4 of Section 27, all in Township 18, Range 4 West. Also the S.E. 1/4 of N.W. 1/4 of Section 31, Township 18 of Range 3 West, known as part of the Click land, and as the above described lands are given as a permanent home for my said two daughters, Sarah J. Baird and Lucy E. Smith, it is my will and desire if that my said daughter, Lucy E. Smith, should die without bodily heirs (or children) that her part of said estate shall go to the children of Sarah Jane Baird. I also give to my daughter,

Sarah J. Baird, one-half dozen silver teaspoons. I also give to my daughter, Lucy E. Smith, one-half dozen tablespoons, one cow and calf, and one sorrel mare known by the name of "Pup." I also give to my daughters, Sarah J. Baird and Lucy E. Smith, one cotton gin, one Thrasher and Fan with all appurtenances belonging to a Cotton Gin.

Item 6th. It is my will and desire that there be no public sale of anything that is in my dwelling house; but that the same be equally divided between all my children except my daughter, Susan B. Weaver, after my son, Thomas Smith, and my daughter, Lucy E. Smith, shall have had one bed and furniture each, such as my other children have had.

I thereby appoint my son, William D. Smith, my executor of this my last will and testament and that he be empowered to execute it and transact the business as such executor without giving bond or security.

Given under my hand and seal this 29th day of August, A.D. 1875.

John Smith

Signed and sealed in Presence of us, John W. Snow Duncan S. McLaughlin

Recorded in office of Probate Judge John C. Morrow in Book of Wills, pages 410 & 412, 1876.

It will be noted that Item 1st should be Item 2nd, as "first" is written in the will.

#### DAVID SMITH

and
His Three Wives
Emily Caroline Taylor

Mrs. Betty Brownlee

and

Mrs. Willie Lawrence Holbrook

## Fifth Generation

I—David Smith, eldest child of John Smith and Sally Riley, his wife; b, in Lincoln County, Tennessee, Dec. 11th, 1815, was the third of the name in this particular

line in direct descent from David Smith, Jr., of Union County, South Carolina. He was only a few months old when his parents came from Tennessee to Alabama in 1816.

David was a well educated man and attractive. He was slightly below average height. David, it is said, was something of a dandy in his youth, paid a good deal of attention to his dress, and was considered quite a ladies' man. Needless to say, he was popular.

David was active, energetic, of an investigating turn of mind, keenly interested in all that was happening in the world. He married first on Dec. 12th, 1839, Emily Caroline Taylor of Jefferson County, who was b. Jan. 9th, 1822, d, July 14th, 1875. Soon after their marriage, his father, John Smith, built a home for him on a plot of land in Jefferson County, Alabama.

David and Caroline were married thirty-six years. Caroline, it seems, had inherited some property, for, at her death she left a will which is on file in the court house of Jefferson County. Caroline was the mother of David's children. He had no children by his other marriages. Caroline is buried in the old family cemetery of John Smith. David Smith moved to Crawfordsville, Miss., where he bought a farm. Here he married 2nd in Mississippi, exact date not known, a widow, Mrs. Betty Brownlee. After a time this marriage ended in divorce. This was in the days when divorces were rare—almost unheard of—and created a sensation in the family and community. One of the younger members was heard to remark: "If we ever need excitement in this family, trust Uncle David to bring it forth."

Sometime in the seventies, David moved to Octibbeha County, Mississippi, and became a cotton planter. Here he married 3rd another widow, Mrs. Willie Lawrence Holbroke, widow of A. Jack Holbrook. This was a most excellent marriage. The widow Holbrook was considered

one of the finest and most beloved women in the County. She and her first husband, Jack Holbrook, had been among the most substantial citizens of the county for many years. They had never been blessed with children of their own, but when his sister, Mary, and her brother, Henry Lawrence, died, leaving five children, they took them all into their home and reared them as their own. When they reached maturity, the boys went to Texas to live, and the girls married from their aunt's home. Not content with this Willie and Jack Holbrook at different times brought into their home two other sets of children and reared them to maturity. These were the Gandy twins, John and Doshia; and Elizabeth and Joseph Boyd. These facts are given to show what a splendid Christian woman Mrs. Willie Holbrook Smith was.

David's plantation was about fourteen miles out from Starkville, the county seat of Octibbeha County, and four miles East of the village of Crawford. His home was about a mile and a half South of the old Bethesda Baptist Church, of which he and his wife were members. He was a cotton planter and a Justice many years. He and his wife resided here until his death, which occurred at 4 o'clock A.M. July 23rd, 1891. He was buried from Bethesda Church.

A newspaper account speaks of him as "a well-to-do planter, a good citizen, and an honest and consistent member of the Baptist church."

## CHILDREN

of
DAVID SMITH
and First Wife
EMILY CAROLINE TAYLOR

A. Nancy Jane Smith, b, Aug. 3d, 1845; d, in girlhood.

B. Thomas J. Smith, b, Sept. 19th, 1847; d, at one year of age.

- C. Dora Smith, b, Oct. 23d, 1849; d, Sept. 14th, 1920; m, James Benton Owen about 1869. Lived in Jefferson County. Left issue.
- D. Sallie E. Smith, b, Jan. 21st, 1853; d, in childhood.
- E. John William ("Darby") Smith, b, Dec. 7th, 1855; d, Dec. 25th, 1924; m, Matilda Rebecca Nabers, Nov. 24th, 1875. Lived in Jefferson County. Left issue.

F. Ella Smith, b, April 10th, 1858; d, in infancy.

Thus it is seen that only two of David Smith's children reached maturity, married, and had issue.

C-Dora Smith, daughter of David and E. Caroline Smith, was b, in Jefferson County, Oct. 23rd, 1849; d, Sept. 14th, 1920; m, about 1869, James Benton Owen. He was b, Jan. 13th, 1841; d, Feb. 10th, 1920.

James Benton Owen was the son of Robert Owen, who was b, March 24th, 1811, in Sussex County, Virginia, and d, Aug. 6th, 1887; and his wife, Nancy McClure, who was b, in North Carolina in 1816, and d, May 28th, 1881.

Robert Owen was a son of Ephraim Owen, who was born in Virginia Dec. 24th, 1775; d, Sept. 2nd, 1856, and his wife, Nancy, who was b, in Virginia June 4th, 1778, and died in Jefferson County, Alabama, Jan. 14th, 1856.

Robert Owen came to Jefferson County, Alabama, about 1850.

He was a County Commissioner 1856-1861 and from 1865-1868.

This family of Owen must not be confused with an earlier family of Owen, that of the Rev. David Owen, attorney, from Abbeville, S. C., about 1816, and his son, Thomas, both of whom settled in Jefferson County and remained five or six years before moving to Franklin County. They, too, left descendants in Jefferson County.

Children of Dora Smith and James Benton Owen

- A. Thomas Owen, d, in childhood.
- B. Robert Smith Owen, d, at the age of 12 years.

- C. James Frank Owen, b, June 14th, 1875; m, April 8, 1901, Jessie Nail, daughter of Charles and Melissa Ellen Goodwin Nail. Issue:
  - (a) James Robert Owen, m, Jan. 26th, 1902, Mildred Martin, dau. of William Martin. 1-James Francis Owen.
  - (b) Francis Owen, m, Nov., 1907, Samuel Meadows. Issue:

1-Peggy Owen Meadows.

E-John William ("Darby") Smith, son of David Smith and Emily Caroline Taylor, b, Dec. 7th, 1855; d, Dec. 5th, 1924; m, Nov. 24th, 1875, Matilda Rebecca Nabers, the dau. of Telemachus ("Mack") Nabers and Mary Ann Russell. Children:

- a. Caroline (Carrie)-unmarried.
- b. Martha May Smith, m, Benjamine Horace Davidson. Issue:
  - (a) Edna May Davidson, m, Dyer Pickney Wilson. Issue:
    - 1. May Anna Wilson.
    - 2. Dyer Pickney Wilson, Jr., Pfc. in U. S. Air Force, World War II.
  - (b) Benjamine Horace Davidson, Jr., U. S. Navy, m, Willie Mae Broom. No issue.
  - (c) William Marshall Davidson, Sgt., U. S. Army, m, Aline Brady. Issue:
  - 1. William Marshall Davidson, Jr.
  - (d) Rebecca Adelaide Davidson, m, Alfred Harrison Park. Issue:
    - 1. Clyde Harrison Park.
    - 2. Benjamine Coats Park.
    - 3. Elizabeth Ann Park.
    - 4. Martha Diane Park.

- (e) Doris Davidson, m, George Edward Clowdus, Corporal, U. S. Army, World War II. No issue.
- (f) Caroline Davidson. Unmarried.
- (g) Robert Sherrill Davidson, U. S. Navy, m, Ernestine Ross. Issue:
  - 1. Terry Ross Davidson.
- C. Charles Nabers Smith, m, Bertha Hurst. No issue.
- D. Clyde Harold Smith, m, Cladys Cushman. No issue.
- E. Estelle Smith, m, Stanley Irving Hudnall. Issue:
  - (a) Matilda Elizabeth Hudnall, m, St. Sgt. Charles Alfred Cockrell, U. S. M. C. World War II. Issue:
    - 1. Mitzi Elizabeth Cockrell.
    - 2. Patricia Lee Cockrell, b, July 11th, 1946.
  - (b) Stanley Irving Hudnall, Jr.

### NOTE

The genealogy of Joseph Riley Smith, M.D., second son of John Smith, Esqr., and Sally Riley Smith, will not be given here in the order in which he should come.

Joseph Riley Smith was the maternal grandfather of this writer, therefore, having been more intimately associated with him and his family than any other of John Smith's children, much data has been collected concerning him.

It was because of him that this book was compiled and written.

He and his descendants will be treated in full at the close of this chapter.

## WILLIAM DILLARD SMITH and Martha Ann Rutledge

### Fifth Generation

3d—William Dillard Smith, 3d, son of John Smith and Sally Riley, b. Sept. 24th, 1820, d, Sept. 3rd, 1890; m, Feb. 16th, 1843, Martha Ann Rutledge, daughter of James Rutledge and Martha Rose Sadler; these all of early pioneers to the valley; descendants of the noted South and North Carolina families of these names. Martha Ann Rutledge was a direct descendant of John Rutledge, the first Governor of South Carolina, and of Edward Rutledge, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Martha Ann Rutledge was b, July 29th, 1822; d, Nov. 27th, 1887. The home of William D. and Martha A. Rutledge Smith was located near the old Huntsville Road, on Village Creek, three miles North of New Jonesboro hill; across, and not far from what is now Brighton Cemetery on the North Bessemer car line in Jefferson County. The house was a large wooden structure of one and a half stories, having been used in former years as a stage coach inn. There was a winding stair from the long, deep-set porch to the upper story. The house is not standing now.

William Dillard Smith was a man quiet in character and temperament, much like his father, John Smith. He was intelligent, and of refined taste, and was always immaculately dressed. He was a man of good judgment and business ability, and his father made him administrator of his estate. In features he resembled his brother, Joseph R. Smith. He was fairly tall, and thin, and his brother, George, nicknamed him "Razor Bill," which name clung to him and identified him through life. He was a mem-

ber of the home guard during the War of Secession, and was wounded by a deserter.

William D. Smith was a Mason and in religion he was a Universalist. He believed in the retribution of sin, but in the final Universal salvation of all mankind in a better and happier world. He was very fond of hunting, and wild game was plentiful near his own plantation at that early time. He killed deer and other game where the city of Bessemer now stands. His family took pride in his excellent marksmanship. His wife, Martha, loved her beautiful garden, which was enclosed by a white trellis hung with purple grapes. She was a member of old Bethlehem Church at Rutledge Springs, the oldest Methodist church in Jefferson County. She lost her mother when very young, and spent a great deal of time with her Aunt Melissa Rose Sadler, the first wife of Thomas Hennington Owen, who taught her to sew beautifully.

### **CHILDREN**

of William Dillard Smith and Martha A. Rutledge

- A. John Moreland Smith, b, Nov. 14th, 1843; d, Dec. 28th, 1923; m, Hattie Albright.
- B. Susan Melissa Smith, b. Sept. 2nd, 1846; d, Sept. 21st, 1864, at 18 years. Never married.
- C. Nancy Caroline Smith, b, June 30th, 1849; d, Tuesday afternoon, July 21st, 1925; m, Charles J. Martin, Nov. 28th, 1867.
- D. Sarah Elizabeth Smith, b, April 27th, 1852; d, Nov. 27th, 1887; m, Dec. 18th, 1870, Robert Edward Huey.
- E. Margaret Alice Smith, b, Feb. 8th, 1855; d, June 8th, 1940; m, (2nd wife), Patrick Jasper McAdory, April 15th, 1890.

F. Martha Lucinda Smith, b, Nov. 27th, 1857; d, Nov. 23d, 1888; m, (1st wife), Patrick Jasper McAdory, April 29th, 1884.

Data of those who married and had descendants will be given in order.

A. John Moreland Smith, eldest son of William Dillard Smith and Martha A. Rutledge, was b, Nov. 14th, 1843; d, Dec. 26th, 1923; m, May 15th, 1877, Hattie Albright, dau. of Orange Albright and Louise Minerva Skelton Albright. Hattie Albright was b, July 5th, 1857, in Jefferson County. They moved from Jefferson County to Tuscaloosa County in 1879, where he purchased a large farm. In 1903 they came to reside in Duncanville in the same county.

Mrs. Hattie Albright Smith, widow of John M. Smith, is now 90 years of age, and still lives in Duncanville. John and Hattie Albright Smith had six children:

- a. Claude Dodson Smith, b, Feb. 15th, 1878; m, Maude Kelly. Issue:
  - (a) Frances Elizabeth Smith, m, Barney Poole. They live in Lumberton, Miss.
  - (b) Martha Augusta Smith, m, Oscar Monson. They live in East Fork, Minn.
- b. Joseph Rosser Smith, b, July 7th, 1880.
- c. Martha Louis Smith, b, Nov. 18th, 1882. Unmarried.
- d. Newton Albright Smith, b, March 3rd, 1885; m, Nora Sewell. Issue:
- (a) Anna Carolyne Smith, m, R. T. Brock. They live in Palm Beach, Fla., and have issue:
  - 1. Virgil Brock.
  - 2. Gail Brock.
- e. Alice Smith, b, March 2nd, 1888; m, Yancey Polk Durden. No issue.

- f. Frank Moreland Smith, b, June 12th, 1892; m, Felicite Durham. Issue:
  - (a) Mary Elizabeth Smith, m, Charles W. Strong. They live in Tuscaloosa.
  - (b) Helen Eugenia Smith, m. Charles M. Christian. Issue:
    - 1. Charles M. Christian, Jr. They live in Duncanville.
- C. Nancy Caroline Smith, b, June 30th, 1849, at the old home at Brighton; d, Tuesday afternoon, July 21st, 1925. She was married Nov. 28th, 1867, to Judge Charles James Martin, who was b, May 6th, 1845, at Tuscaloosa, Ala., and d, Feb. 24th, 1908, in Birmingham. He was the son of Joshua Lanier Martin, Governor of Alabama 1845-1847, and his second wife, Sarah Mason. Gov. Martin's first and second wives were sisters, descendants of Col. John Mason, an English soldier of the army of Charles I, who fled to America on the execution of the King, and was the founder of the noted family in Virginia. (See Owen's History of Alabama, Vol. 4, pg. 166.)

Judge Charles J. Martin entered the Confederate service at the age of sixteen. The old home of Judge Charles J. Martin and his wife, Nancy, was near Ensley in the Birmingham district. They reared a large family.

## Their children were:

- a. Annette (Nettie) Martin, b, Aug. 18th, 1870; d, 1935 m, Nov. 28th, 1894, Francis Asbury Hewitt, b, Feb. 1, 1862, d, 1943; of an early county family. Their issue:
  - (a) Robert Goldsmith Hewitt, b, Aug. 25th, 1895, d, Aug. 14th, 1934; m, Agnes Donley. Issue:
  - 1. Robert Goldsmith Hewitt, Jr., b, Jan. 20th, 1932.

- (b) Charles Mason Hewitt, b, Nov. 18th, 1896; m, Alice Smith. Issue:
  - 1. Charles Mason Hewitt, Jr., b, April 6th, 1923; m, Harriette Burks of Tuscaloosa, Ala. Issue:

Charles M. Hewitt, III, b, July 1948.

- (c) Mary Martin Hewitt, b, Feb. 7th, 1900
- (d) Ruth Hewitt, b, Mar. 15th, 1906; m, 1925, Calvin Hamilton Stevens, b, Feb. 14th, 1900. Issue:
  - 1. Mary Ruth Stevens, b, Jan. 12th, 1927; m, William Tynes Sevier, Sept. 15th, .1945 Issue:

Mary Ruth Sevier, b, Dec. 7th, 1946.

- b. Charles Martin, son of Nancy and Charles J. Martin, m, Ethel Williams. No children.
- c. Mason Martin, son of Nancy and Charles J. Martin, b, 1872; d, Feb. 17th, 1947; m, Minnie Vaughn. Issue:
  - (a) Minnie Merle Martin, m, Dr. James H. Watkins. Issue:
    - 1. James Harold Watkins, Jr., soldier in World War II.
    - 2. Mason Martin Watkins.
    - 3. Merle Musser Watkins.
    - 4. John Francis Watkins.
  - (b) Sarah Mason Martin, daughter of Mason and Minnie V. Martin, m, Clyde Eugene McRoberts of Jackson, Miss. Issue:
    - 1. Betty McRoberts.
    - 2. Clyde Eugene McRoberts, Jr.
    - 3. Martin Lanier McRoberts.
  - (c) Floyd Vaughn Martin, son of Mason and Minnie Martin, m, Ethel Hyde. Issue:
    - 1. Sandra Ann Martin.
    - 2. Sara Alise Martin.

- d. John M. Martin, son of Charles J. and Nancy Smith Martin, m, Corinne Sexton. Issue:
  - (a) John M. Martin, Jr.
  - (b) Charlotte Wynn Martin.
  - (c) Floy Sexton Martin, m, John Robert Hunt.
  - (d) James Alfred Martin, in Coast Guard in World War II.
- e. William D. Martin, son of Charles J. and Nanny Martin, m, Annie Laurie Bruce. Issue:
  - (a) Mildred Martin, m, James Robert Owen. Issue: 1. James Francis Owen.
  - (b) Edith Martin, m, Valto Thomas, who served in World War II. Issue:
    - 1. William Valto Thomas, Jr. Also served in World War II.
  - (c) William Stanley Martin. d, unmarried.
  - (d) Robert Kinnaird Martin, m, Florence Wiggins.
  - (e) Bruce C. Martin, m, Erceal Hughes.
  - (f) Annie Laurie Martin, m, Robert Clifton West.
  - (g) Jean Martin m, Frank Morrow Sims.
- f. Joshua Lanier Martin, b, Oct. 16th, 1878; d, March 23rd, 1899.
- g. Robert Kinnaird Martin, m, Grace Crowley.
- h. Nancy Smith Martin. Unmarried.
- i. Lucy Martin, m, Richard McLester Leland. Issue:
  - (a) Charles Martin Leland, m, Lenore Hartley. Issue:
    - 1. Lucy Mabel Leland.
    - 2. Charles Martin Leland, Jr.
  - (b) Robert Frank Leland, m, Sylvia Palmer. Issue:
    - 1. Richard Frank Leland.
- D. Sara Elizabeth Smith, daughter of William Dillard Smith and Martha Ann Rutledge, was b, June 30th, 1849; d, Nov. 27th, 1887; m, Robert Edward Huey Dec. 18th, 1870. Sara Elizabeth Smith Huey d, at the

old home of her parents, and her mother, Martha Ann Rutledge Smith, who lay ill across the hall, died the same night. Children of Sarah Elizabeth and Robert Huey:

- a. William Moreland Huey, b, in Jefferson County, Alabama, Jan. 14th, 1877; d, in California in 1922; m, Daisy Camp of Birmingham 1908. Mrs. Daisy Camp Huey lives in Piedmont, Calif. Their issue:
  - (a) William Moreland Huey, Jr. Was in U. S. Navy in World War II.
  - (b) Harris Huey. Was in U. S. Navy in World War II.
- b. Eva Elmira Huey, b, Dec. 17th, 1874; d, Feb. 13th, 1888.
- c. Margaret Immogene Huey, b, Aug. 17th, 1880; m, Feb. 24th, 1901, Howe Sayers Deaderick of Tennessee and California. They live in Carpinteria, California, and have beautiful lemon groves. Their issue:
  - (a) Moreland McAdory Deaderick, b, Feb. 18th, 1902; m, Dorothy Ellen Donahoo of California Aug. 11th, 1921, and live in Carpinteria. They, too have lemon groves or ranches. Their issue:
    - 1. Moreland McAdory Deaderick, Jr., b, June 29th, 1923; m, Sept. 9th, 1944, Betty Elsea from Spokane, Washington, a Spar in World War II. Moreland M. Deaderick, Jr., was a member of the Coast Guard in World War II for three years.
    - 2. Jack Sayers Deaderick, b, June 16th, 1926. Served in the Navy in World War II, stationed on Wake Island.
  - (b) James Howe Deaderick, b, Aug. 4th, 1904; m, Thelma M. McCampbell of Oklahoma in the fall of 1925. They live in Peoria, Ill., where he is Vice President of the Caterpillar Co. Issue:

- 1. Ferol Marguerite Deaderick, b, Nov. 30th, 1928.
- 2. Howe Sayers Deaderick, b, Feb. 7th, 1933.
- (c) Lucy Mervyn Deaderick, b, June 7th, 1906; d, June 21st, 1906.
- (d) Alice Elizabeth Deaderick, b, Aug. 21st, 1909; d, Sept. 12th, 1909.
- d. Robert Walter Huey, b, Jan. 12th, 1883. Is unmarried. Lives in Cleveland, Ohio.
- E. Margaret Alice Smith, b, Feb. 8th, 1855; d, Jan. 8th, 1940, in Bessemer; m, April 15th, 1890, Patrick Jasper McAdory of Bessemer. She was his second wife. His first wife was her younger sister. Alice Smith McAdory was a handsome woman, exceedingly refined and cultured. In fact all the daughters of William Smith were attractive. Nanny and Martha (Mattie) were considered beauties.

Alice had no children, but reared tenderly her sister Martha's only child.

F. Martha Lucinda Smith, b. Nov. 27th, 1857; d, Nov. 23d, 1888; m, (1st wife), April 29th, 1884, Patrick Jasper McAdory, he the son of Thomas McAdory and 1st wife, Emily Owen, they descendants of early pioneers to the valley.

Jasper McAdory attended college at Lebanon, Tennessee. He was a merchant and a county commissioner.

Martha Lucinda Smith and Jasper McAdory had issue, one child:

a. Martha Lucy McAdory, m, 1st, Dec. 10th, 1908, James Glover Armstrong. He died June 11th, 1890. On Oct. 11th, 1919, Lucy McAdory Armstrong m, 2nd, Bartow Elliott Ingram, son of Ella and Bartholomew Ingram of Livingston, Ala. Mr. and Mrs. Ingram own and live in the old Jasper McAdory home on "New Jonesboro hill," now incorporated

into the city of Bessemer. By her first marriage Lucy had one son:

(a) James Glover Armstrong, Jr., b, Sept. 2nd, 1910, in Bessemer; m, May 28th, 1932, Candace Secor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alston Secor, of Des Moines, Iowa.

They are both graduates of Rollins College, Winter Park, Fla.; he a R. A., she Pi Beta Phi. He majored in Economics, she in Art, several branches.

James Glover Armstrong, Jr., was a Lieutenant (s. g) in the Navy, World War II, training at Hollywood Beach and Miami, Fla., and at Harvard. Was in Pearl Harbor and served at Guam in communications. They live in Orlando, Fla. Issue:

- 1. Alice Delwin Armstrong, b, on her father's birthday, Sept. 2nd, 1935, at Jacksonville, Fla.
- 2. James Glover Armstrong III, b, Oct. 9th, 1937, at Orlando, Fla.

By her second marriage to Bartow Elliott Ingram, Mrs. Lucy McAdory Armstrong Ingram had one daughter:

(a) Martha Owen Ingram, b, Jan. 23rd, 1924, in Bessemer. Martha Owen Ingram attended College at Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn and at Birmingham-Southern College, graduating from the latter institution cum laude, and where she majored in Psychology and Mathematics. Her Social Sorority was Gamma Phi Beta, of which she was President; Honorary Fraternities, Phi Beta Kappa, Pi

Delta Psi, Theta Sigma Lambda, and Lambda Delta. She m, Oct. 26th, 1946, Palmer Henderson Bell, Jr., M.D., of Birmingham. Dr. Bell received his degree from Alabama Polytechnic Institute, where he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha Social Fraternity and Alpha Epsilon Delta, honorary pre-medical fraternity. He was President of the first graduating class of the Alabama Medical College at Birmingham and received his degree Oct. 25th, 1946. He is a member of the Galean Club and the Gorgas Medical Society.

# LIEUT. COL. JOHN BASS SMITH and SARAH NABERS

### Fifth Generation

Lieut. Col. John Bass Smith, fourth child of John Smith and Sally Riley, was b, Feb. 11th, 1823; d, at Vicksburg, Miss., July 12th, 1863, from his death wound in the Battle of Vicksburg.

He married Dec. 19th, 1844, Sarah Nabers, daughter of William Nabers and Sarah Parsons. Sarah Nabers was b, Feb. 5th, 1824, near Old Jonesboro; d, Dec. 5th, 1901.

Col. Smith was 1st Lieut. in Capt. Alberto Martin's Company, the first to leave Jefferson County, Alabama, in the bravery-laden days of the '60's. This company was mustered into service in Montgomery from where they left for Virginia. After seeing service in that state, Lt. Smith came back to Old Jonesboro and made up a company which was mustered into service in Talladega in Col. Shelby's Regiment. He was Major in this Regiment, the 30th Alabama, which was sent to defend Vicksburg from the Federal forces. Here Maj. Jack B. Smith was pro-

moed to Lieutenant Colonel. Col. Shelby, the commanding officer, was ill, and in this battle Col. Smith assumed command, and while leading his Regiment he was shot from his horse May 22nd, 1863, and died July 12th.

From the Department of Archives and History in the Memorial Building, Montgomery, Ala., may be found the following: "Service Record: John B. Smith was mustered into Confederate service as First Lieutenant, Company B (Martin's Company), Tenth Alabama Infantry Regiment, at Montevallo June 4th, 1861. He resigned March 1st, 1862, at Yorktown, Virginia, on his election as Captain of Company K, 30th Alabama Infantry Regiment."

"On the resignation of Lieutenant Colonel Bradford, he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, and on July 12th died of wounds received in the seige of Vicksburg."

No word came to his family during many months of suspense. Vicksburg was surrounded by the Yankee forces and gunboats on the Mississippi River, and means of communication were slow indeed.

His wife was left with six children to rear and educate, servants gone, and desolation about her. But such was the case with thousands of well-bred gentlewomen of the South. Soldiers are not always of the masculine gender. These women arose to the occasion and shouldered their burdens with amazing fortitude, carrying on through the dark years into the light again.

An incident of interest to the descendants was the fact that Col. Smith's colored body slave, Tobe, who accompanied him to war, came back to Jefferson County after his master's death and brought to his mistress his master's personal possessions, including a very handsome gold hunting case Swiss watch which is now owned by Col. Smith's grandson and namesake, Jack B. Smith, architect, of Birmingham. At present the watch is useless, since the only person who could repair it died some years ago. It

is hoped that someone will be found who understands its delicate mechanism.

Another grandson, Raymond W. Smith, of Chicago, has his grandfather's (John B. Smith's) commission as Colonel in the 88th Regiment, Third Brigade, Seventh Division of Militia of the State of Alabama, dated May 29th, 1861.

Children of Lieut. Col. John B. Smith and Sarah Nabers

- A. Mary Lucinda Smith, b, Jan. 8th, 1846; m, William S. Brown.
- B. William Nabers Smith, b, Sept. 23rd, 1848; m, Martha Downey.
- C. Thomas Samuel Smith, b, Sept. 2nd, 1851; m, Lucy Walker.
- D. Joseph Spencer Smith, b, Jan. 8th, 1854; m, Mamie Mims.
- E. David Riley Smith, b, May 15th, 1856; d, 1903. Never married.
- F. John B. Smith, Jr., b, July 21st, 1859; d, Feb., 1883. Never married.

The lines of those who lived to maturity and married will be run to the present.

A. Mary Lucinda Smith, only daughter of Col. John B. Smith and Sarah Nabers Smith, b, Jan. 6th, 1846, at Old Jonesboro, Jefferson County; d, in Birmingham May 9th, 1933; m, William Brown. From an old newspaper is the following: "Mary Lucinda Smith of Jonesboro married William Brown of Elyton March 18th, 1875, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Sarah Smith. Witnesses: Thomas J. and W. N. Smith."

William Brown was b. in Jefferson County April 6th, 1840, where Fairfield is today. He, too, was a member of early pioneer families. He was son of James Brown and Sarah Gilki Rutledge. His mother was a

member of the noted Rutledge family of North Carolina.

William Brown was a Confederate soldier. The following record is on file in the Department of Archives and History in Montgomery: "William S. Brown, who resided in Elyton, Alabama, enlisted at Montevallo, June 4th, 1861, in Company B (Martin's Company), Tenth Alabama Infantry Regiment. On enlistment he was a clerk, 21 years of age and single. At the last report, Oct. 27th, 1864, he was carried on the roll of this command, but was absent on detail." He was in fourteen battles of the 10th Alabama up to Gettysburg. He was nicknamed "The Tall Corporal" by his fellow soldiers. He was in the five-day battle before Richmond, and was badly wounded at Gettysburg. He was finally captured, and held prisoner from July until November, when he was released through an exchange of prisoners. After his return from the war he was tax assessor of Jefferson County and served on the City Board of Aldermen.

After William and Mary Smith Brown purchased their new home in the new City of Birmingham, they were among the earliest members of the Old First Methodist Church, then the little frame church on Fourth Avenue and 19th Street, where he became a steward when the congregation numbered about one hundred; on through the years to the present handsome structure of brown native stone with members numbering several thousand, where he continued a steward until his death, which occurred March 23rd, 1919.

William S. Brown was a merchant and bank director most of his adult life and became a wealthy and worthy citizen of Birmingham.

William and Mary Smith Brown loved the social intercourse of their relatives and friends. In their later

spacious brick home on fashionable Highland Avenue, some of the most beautiful and elegant receptions and other entertainments of various nature were given.

Mary L. Smith Brown was a strong and forceful character, in fact she was a most unusual character. She was one of the most popular and most loyal members of the Smith clan, among whom she was known as "Cousin Mollie." She never missed a funeral or a wedding of a relative or friend. Even when a twice-broken hip late in life prevented her walking except with the aid of crutches, she had Ollie, her faithful colored chauffeur of many years, carry her to and from her car to the door of church or home, where she walked down the aisle on her crutches, or stood in line to receive.

During the last few years of her life, her annual birthday receptions given by her children in the home were looked forward to with happy anticipation; and one could always find there representatives of the old county crowd. Here she sat in her rolling chair at the head of the receiving line, gowned in lace and pearls, and wearing an orchid in her hair.

Yet, with all this, "Cousin Mollie" was quite plainspoken in her defense of right. She did not hesitate to express her mind to her nieces and nephews, cousins, or the children of friends, as to the correctness of manner, speech, or dress.

She was most generous to the needy and her servants gave her unusual loyalty. Her much beloved old cook, Eliza, served the family forty years, and was pensioned.

The children of Mary Lucinda Smith and William S. Brown were:

a. Lura Brown, b, Jan. 28th, 1876; m, Feb. 18th, 1903, Henry William Fowlkes, who was b, in Marion,

Ala., March 16th, 1863, and d, in Birmingham July 2nd, 1924. Their issue:

(a) Mary Elizabeth Fowlkes, b, Dec. 1st, 1905; d,

April 1, 1932.

- (b) Anne Rutledge Fowlkes, b, Aug. 20th, 1907; m, Nov. 28th, 1931, William Hughson Burr. Issue:
  - 1. Mary Anne Burr.
  - 2. Borden H. Burr II.
  - 3. Elizabeth Rutledge Burr.
- (c) Lura Brown Fowlkes, b, Nov. 22nd, 1909; m, Feb. 17, 1931, Joseph Lamar Lanier of Georgia. Issue:
  - 1. Joseph Lamar Lanier, Jr.
  - 2. Lura Fowlkes Lanier.
  - 3. Anne Rutledge Lanier.
- b. Brett Rutledge Brown, b, Sept. 7th, 1878; d, May 5th, 1922; m, April 18th, 1906, Jessie Thompson. They were divorced. Their issue:
  - (a) Flora Thompson Brown, b, Sept. 23rd, 1909; m, 1st, William Mills Neale, Oct. 11th, 1930. They were divorced. Issue:
    - 1. William Mills Neale, Jr.

Flora Thompson Brown m, 2nd, Elliott Paul, song writer

- c. Owen Smith Brown, b, Jan. 6th, 1881; d, 1905; m, Edna Angie Snow, Jan. 16th, 1904. There were no children by this marriage. Owen's widow, Mrs. Edna Snow Brown, married 2nd, Barry Lyons of Mobile as 2nd wife.
- d. Bessie Wadsworth Brown, b, June 10th, 1886; m, 1st, Nov. 18th, 1908, Albert D. Caldwell of Nashville, Tenn. He died Dec. 5th, 1909. She married

2nd, Oct. 9th, 1912, Samuel Yongue Caldwell, brother of her first husband. There were no children by her first marriage. By her second marriage to Samuel Caldwell there were four children:

- (a) William Brown Caldwell, b, July 9th, 1913, m, June 14th, 1947, Eloise Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Bailey. They live in Orlando, Florida.
- (b) Mary Virginia Caldwell, b, July 8th, 1915; was educated at Dwight School, Englewood, N. J., and at Birmingham-Southern College. She is a member of the Spinsters Club, and during her debut was presented by the Redstone Club. During World War II she served two years as Nurses Aid. She married in May, 1948, Clay Edward Collier of Montgomery, a graduate of Birmingham-Southern College, who served in the Navy.
- (c) Samuel Y. Caldwell, Jr., b, June 9th, 1917; Lieut. U. S. Navy World War II. Was in North Africa nearly two years. Later stationed at Air Base at Martha's Vinyard.
- (d) Betty Caldwell, b, June 25th, 1921, was educated at Birmingham-Southern College and Ward Belmont. Member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority.
- B. William Nabers Smith, eldest son of Col. John B. Smith and Sarah Nabers was b, Sept. 23rd, 1848; d, Sept. 29th, 1916; m, Dec. 24th, 1875, Martha (Mattie) Eugenia Downey. She was b, Jan. 20th, 1855; d, June 3d, 1911.

They were married by the Rev. T. P. Roberts, in the home of the bride, who was the daughter of Peter Jack Downey of Jefferson County, Alabama, and his wife, Saphronia Jane Rockett, all descendants of pioneers.

The Rev. Tom Roberts was at that time pastor of the old Walnut Grove Methodist Church.

William Nabers was connected with the sheriff's office of Jefferson County for a number of years until he retired to his farm near Powderly, between the present cities of Bessemer and Birmingham.

William Nabers Smith and his wife, Martha Dow-

ney, had five children:

a. Herbert Hickman Smith, b, Dec. 13th, 1881; d, Oct. 7th, 1944; m, June 11th, 1905, Antoinette (Nettie) Lilly. She was b, 1886; d, Feb. 23d, 1939. She was daughter of Elizabeth and Benjamine Lilly of Jefferson County.

Herbert Hickman Smith and his wife, Nettie Lilly, moved to California soon after their marriage. They

had issue:

- (a) Martha Elizabeth Smith, b, Sept. 5th, 1907; m, Milton Franklin Davidson, June 20th, 1929, in Yuma, Ariz. They now live in Santa Monica, Calif. Issue:
  - 1. William Michael Davidson, b, Oct. 6th, 1938.
- (b) William Benjamine Smith, son of Herbert and Nettie Lilly Smith, b, July 9th, 1909; m, June 22nd, 1939, Gladys Sheehan in Miami, Fla., where they now reside.
- b. Raymond Warrick Smith, b, May 28th, 1883; m, Jan. 29th, 1912, in Chicago, Roselyn Virginia Conley. She was b, Oct. 26th, 1889, the daughter of John Joseph Conley (who was b, Aug. 18th, 1845); and Marcella Teresa Fitzgerald, his wife (who was b, March 27th, 1863; d. April 23d, 1929; m. Nov. 17th, 1884). These latter are buried in Calvary Cemetery in Chicago.

Raymond W. Smith and Roselyn V. Conley had issue; two sons:

(a) John William Smith, b, Jan. 28th, 1914, in Birmingham, Ala.; m, in Chicago, May 31st, 1941, Lucille Margaret Neil, b, June 6th, 1916, the daughter of William Campbell Neil, Jr., and Anna Gertrude Cusick, both born and married in Chicago.

John William Smith was a graduate of Crane College and of Armour Institute of Chicago; is a professional architect and construction engineer. Issue:

- 1. Michael John Smith, b, Oct. 4th, 1945, in Chicago.
- 2. Twins: Marilyn Ann Smith, b, Sept. 13th, 1947, and
- 3. Dennis William Smith, Sept. 13th, 1947.
- (b) Raymond Warrick Smith, Jr., b, Feb. 5th, 1918, in Chicago. He is a graduate of R. C. A. School of Radio engineering. Volunteered into the Navy Oct. 9th, 1940. He served as Radioman 1st Class for 34 months at various Naval bases in the S. W. Pacific. Received Honorable Discharge April 13th, 1945. Is unmarried.
- c. William Edgar Smith, b, May 25th, 1888; m, April 19th, 1917, in Jefferson County, Alabama, Maye Franklin, b, March 12th, 1898, daughter of Thomas B. and Roberta Bagby Franklin. The latter was a descendant of the early Bagby and Walker families of Jefferson County, Alabama.

Maye Franklin Smith's great-grandmother Bagby was a Walker, a sister of the first William Alfred Walker of Elyton, and her great-grandfather a brother to Joab Bagby, the first Probate Judge of the Orphan's Court of Old Elyton.

William E. Smith and wife, Maye, live at Galena Park, Texas. Their issue; two children, viz:

- (a) Margaret Eloise Smith, b, Jan. 27th, 1920; m, Dec. 27th, 1940, Sinkler Eugene Sholtz. He was b, Sept. 27th, 1918; Capt. Field Artillery; served from Oct. 1st, 1941, to March 4th, 1946, E. T. O. They live in Miami, Fla. Issue: 1. Sandra Ellen Sholtz, b, Nov. 19th, 1941.
- (b) William Thomas Smith, b, June 13th, 1921; m, June 16th, 1945, Frances McKinnon. She was b, Sept. 4th, 1923, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. A. McKinnon of Birmingham, Ala.

William Thomas Smith was Electrician's Mate 2/c on the U. S. S. North Carolina in World War II.

d. Mary Eugenia Smith, b, Jan. 25th, 1890; m, Claud Burgin of Bessemer, Ala., March 25th, 1914. He is the son of Joseph Calhoon Burgin and his wife, Ruth Ann Thrasher.

Mary Eugenia Smith and Claud Burgin have no children. They live in Bishop, Calif.

- e. Carl Rockett Smith, youngest son of William Smith and Martha Eugenia Downey Smith, was b, March 4th, 1894. He is unmarried and lives in Johnson City, Tenn.
- C. Thomas Samuel Smith, son of Col. John B. Smith and Sarah Nabers, b, Sept. 12th, 1851; d, Oct. 6th, 1928; m, June 7th, 1876, Lucy Elizabeth Walker, b, Aug. 20th, 1856, in Elyton; d, Oct. 26th, 1928, she the youngest daughter of William A. Walker, Sr. (who was b, in North Carolina in 1811, and d, 1890 in Elyton, Ala.), and his wife, Corilla Porter Walker (who was b, in Montevallo, Ala., 1824; d, in Elyton in 1908).

Thomas S. Smith graduated from Poughkeepsie Commercial College, New York, and was a merchant in Elyton and later in Birmingham, but retained his residence in Elyton. He was a steward in the Elyton Methodist Church until his death. This church is now the Walker Memorial Church, a memorial to his mother-in-law, Mrs. Corilla Porter Walker, one of the saintliest and most beloved women in Jefferson County.

Thomas S. Smith was too young to be in uniform for the War of Secession, but he was a member of the Alabama National Guard which was called to service for a few months during the Spanish-American War in 1898. However, this war was of such short duration, his company saw no actual combat.

Children of Thomas S. and Lucy Smith:

a. Frank Walker Smith, b, April 9th, 1877; d, March 1st, 1931; m, June 29th, 1910, Frances Cash, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cash of Memphis, Tenn. Frank Walker Smith was an attorney. He was graduated in law at the University of Virginia. When the old suburb Elyton was incorporated in 1907 into a town, he was elected the first mayor. During his term of office three splendid schools were built—the Elyton and the Green Springs Schools, and the Titusville School for Negroes.

Frank Smith was the only mayor of Elyton, for he continued in office until Elyton was brought into the corporation of the City of Birmingham in 1910. Issue of Frank and Frances Smith:

(a) Frank Walker Smith, Jr., b, in Birmingham Jan. 21st, 1914; m, Jan. 20th, 1942, Rebecca Schley of Shepherdstown, W. Va. He was a Lieutenant Commander in the Submarine Service of the U. S. Navy in World War II, in Japan and other parts of the world. They live in Hawaii. Issue:

- 1. Frank Walker Smith III, b, Sept. 14th, 1943.
- 2. Frances Cash Smith, b, June 23, 1947.
- b. Grace Porter Smith, b, in Elyton Jan. 29th, 1879. Is unmarried. Grace Smith has devoted many years of her life to the noble work of Social Service, both in Baltimore and in Birmingham.

A few years after her graduation from the Pollock-Stephens Institute in Birmingham she entered Johns Hopkins Training School for Nurses, and upon her graduation became head nurse of surgical ward. This was during the days of the celebrated Dr. Osler, later Sir William Osler, Regius Professor of Oxford, England, and of Doctors Kelly, Halstead and Cushing.

At the request of Dr. and Mrs. Osler, Grace Smith established a private charitable work in Baltimore in connection with Social Service, which at that time was taking a real hold in the cities.

Under the direction of Dr. Baer, the eminent Orthopedist of his day, she established an outdoor clinic for crippled children and tubercular children, and devoted her time and love to this work.

Some years later, when circumstances arose that made her return home necessary, she was asked, because of her experience, by the United Charities of Birmingham to assist in planning ways and means of enlarging and accomplishing more effective results. This group was composed of the outstanding benevolent women of the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish churches of the city, who were doing such fine work among the poor, the sick, and the distressed.

At her suggestion, it was decided to inaugurate the Annual Charity Ball as was being done in other large cities; and this became an outstanding event of the year. c. Samuel Lawrence Smith, b, June 21st, 1884; d, Feb. 22nd, 1914; m, in 1919, Edna Sibley. They were divorced.

Lawrence Smith was an Alumnus of Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn, Ala.

No issue.

- d. William Alfred Smith, b, May 12th, 1889, was educated at Virginia Military Institute and at Washington and Lee. Never married.
- e. Jack Bass Smith, b, March 24th, 1894, unmarried, a graduate of the School of Architecture, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 1916. He spent two years in France during the first World War, from April, 1917, to May, 1919. He had volunteered for six months' service with American Field Service in the Ambulance Corps with the French Army. He then enlisted in the U. S. Army Air Service in Paris, Nov., 1917, and after training, was commissioned Second Lieutenant (flying status) and was honorably discharged at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., May, 1919.

Jack Smith practiced his architectural profession in Birmingham, Ala., then in Chicago for seven years, and back to his home town, Birmingham, where he is one of the city's foremost architects.

He is a member of the American Institute of Architects, a past President (two terms) of its Alabama Chapter; a past President (two terms) of the Alabama Association of Architects; and now President of the Alabama Architects Home Plan Service. For three years he has been Research Director for the Birmingham Planning Board. He is a member of the Engineers Club of Birmingham, the American Legion, General Gorgas Post No. 1; the American Planning and Civic Association, and the American Society of Planning Officials. He is a member

of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, as were all of his brothers and many of his cousins.

f. Lucy Elizabeth Smith, b, Sept. 28th, 1896, received her education at Ogontz College, Philadelphia; m, July 27th, 1921, Richard Bland Wasson, who was b, June 3rd, 1896, in Missouri; d, Jan. 26th, 1942, in Birmingham. They were divorced in 1938.

Had issue:

(a) Richard Bland Wasson, Jr., b. Aug. 21st, 1923. He was in the U. S. Marine Corps in World War II nearly three and a half years, serving in the Southwest Pacific, and was discharged as Staff Sergeant.

(b) Lucy Walker Wasson, b, Sept. 17th, 1927, in Asheville, N. C.; m, Jan. 24th, 1947, in Birmingham, William Lewis Wilson of Rego Park Long Island, N. Y., son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Charles Wilson of Linda Vista, Calif.

On April 29th, 1939, Mrs. Lucy Elizabeth Smith Wasson married second, in Pennsylvania, Bates Whatley, who was b, Jan. 10th, 1897, in Birmingham, Ala., son of Bessie Garrett and George C. Whatley of Birmingham, Ala. He was living at the time of their marriage in Buffalo, N. Y. No issue by second marriage.

D. Joseph Spencer Smith, son of Col. John B. Smith and Sarah Nabers Smith, was b, Jan. 8th, 1854; d, April 21st, 1914; m, Feb. 10th, 1880, Mary Myers Mims, she b, Dec. 30th, 1858; d, Jan. 19th, 1924. She was the daughter of William Jemison Mims, tax collector of Jefferson County, who was b, April 10th, 1834; d, Aug. 25th, 1891, and his wife, Kathleen DeJarnette, who was b, March 18th, 1858.

Joseph Smith was a man of strong character, energy and a fine sense of honor. He was not so large a

man as his first cousin, Joseph R. Smith, Jr., and to distinguish him he was called "Little Joe." He inherited a fine sense of humor and was very popular. He was elected Sheriff of Jefferson County, serving from Sept. 1st, 1888, to Sept. 1st, 1892. During his Administration one of Birmingham's greatest tragedies occurred, "the Hawes Riot." A man named Hawes murdered his wife and three children and hid their weighted bodies in the lakes about the city. All this to elope with another woman. He was captured, brought back and installed in the Birmingham jail.

Public feeling reached fever heat over the man's villany. This was in the early boom days of Birmingham, when many men, representing a cross-section of the country, some of rough and hot-headed nature, had rushed into the much publicized city of coal and iron.

Soon a great mob gathered at the county jail, determined upon lynching the murderer. Little Joe Smith stood high above the crowd, in front of the entrance, his deputies ranged beside him, and endeavored to reason with the crowd, assuring that the law would take its course, and punishment would follow. But the frenzied mob was beyond reason.

Joe Smith stood firm and warned: "At the first movement toward this building, I give the order to fire!" A battering ram was lifted and the crowd plunged onward. "Fire!" came the order from the plucky little sheriff, and a volley of shots rang out. Some of the rioters were killed. Unfortunately an innocent bystander was killed also. But the mob dispersed. The trial was held on schedule and the guilty man was executed.

From this time on the sheriff was known as "Fighting Joe Smith."

Newspapers of the country wrote of the Sheriff's bravery. Letters poured in to "Little Joe" from every

state in the Union commending him for his stand in upholding the law and putting down lynching. Finally the number grew until they filled a trunk.

Joe Smith served as sheriff four years and did not

run for office again.

He and Mamie Mims Smith had the following children:

- a. Mamie Mims Smith (Jr.) m, William Long Simmons. Issue:
  - (a) Julien Smith Simmons, m, Susie Mary Sullivan. Issue:
    - 1. Julien Smith Simmons, Jr.
  - (b) William Jemison Simmons, m, Bess Stovall of Birmingham. Issue:
    - 1. William Jemison Simmons, Jr.
    - 2. Bess Stovall Simmons.
- b. Joseph Spencer Smith, Jr., d, 1930.
- c. Kate Mims Smith, now of Anniston. Professional musician. Unmarried.

## OCTAVIUS SPENCER SMITH and MALINDA NABERS

A-Octavius Spencer Smith, fifth son of John Smith, Esqr., and Sally Riley, was b, Sept. 16th, 1825; d, April 13th, 1860; m, Malinda F. Nabers Nov. 11th, 1847. She was b, Feb. 22nd, 1828; d, Jan. 4th, 1869.

She was the daughter of pioneers—Matilda Mullens, b, Feb. 5th, 1808, and her husband, Francis Drayton Nabers.

Octavius S. Smith and his wife, like his brothers, lived on his own farm in Jefferson County between Brighton and the present City of Bessemer. All the Smith land lay in a broad tract between Brighton on the outskirts of Bessemer and Powderly and a little above the latter. John Smith was generous in providing homestead land for each of his ten children.

Octavius Smith was a bright, alert young man, interested in politics and state affairs, but took no active part in these. He unfortunately suffered a paralytic stroke when young. This was quite probably something akin to the infantile paralysis of today, of which people were ignorant at that time. He recovered, however, sufficiently to be remarkably active for one who had been so afflicted, but it prevented his enlisting in the War Between the States.

He was an excellent horseman, as most of his brothers—and, in fact, his generation were—and was eventually able to return to this form of pleasurable exercise. He and his wife, Malinda Nabers, had three children:

- A. Dorinda Smith, d, at two years of age.
- B. Susan Matilda Smith, b, Jan. 8th, 1856; d, April 1st, 1943, aged 87; m, (2nd wife), Dr. George M. Morrow.
- C. Octavius S. Smith, Jr., b, Dec. 4th, 1859; d, April 10th, 1860.

Thus only one child lived to maturity.

B. Susan Matilda Smith, b, Jan. 8th, 1856; d, April 1st, 1943; m, (2nd wife), May 30th, 1874, Dr. George Milburn Morrow, physician and druggist, and member of another pioneer family. He was b, in Elyton, Jefferson County, Aug. 20th, 1846; d, May, 1928.

Susan Matilda Smith was about twelve or thirteen years of age when she lost both parents, and was reared by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Drayton Nabers, whose home was at Powderly, ten miles south of the present city of Birmingham. There was no Birmingham at that time. Susan Smith, although a non-Catholic, attended college at a convent in Abbington, Va., and also at old Judson College at Marion, Ala. She was most refined and charming.

Dr. Morrow was a son of Margaret Holmes and Hugh Morrow II, who was one of the early educators of Jones Valley. An old history states: "Hugh Morrow was a highly educated man, wrote a remarkably beautiful hand and was a fluent speaker." "He was the second clerk of the County Court in Elyton Court House, and was re-elected."

This Hugh Morrow must not be confused with the Revolutionary soldier, Hugh Morrow, a very old man who came to the county, and whose name appears on a boulder with other Revolutionary soldiers at Five Points, Birmingham. Dr. Morrow's father, Hugh II, was a nephew and namesake of the Revolutionary soldier, Hugh. Dr. Morrow's grandfather, however-John Morrow, brother of the Revolutionary Hugh-also served in the Revolution in South Carolina. His wife was Sarah Calhoun, a close relative of the statesman, John C. Calhoun. There were several marriages between the Calhouns and Morrows of South Carolina. The latter were a most prolific family; and there was a John, a Hugh and a George in every branch. The families of John and Hugh moved to Kentucky, thence to Tennessee. Tradition is that John, Hugh and another brother were heroes and "saved the day" in the "Battle of Cowpens." John died either in Kentucky or Tennessee.

Dr. George Morrow was sheriff of Jefferson County several terms, and held other political offices. Dr. Morrow's mother was Emily Holmes, daughter of James and Sarah Killough Holmes, who moved to Pontotoc County, Mississippi.

Mrs. Susan Smith Morrow was a beloved stepmother to Dr. Morrow's daughter by his first marriage—Jordan Morrow, wife of Judge Dan A. Greene of Birmingham, and a loving grandmother to her children. More data concerning Dr. Morrow will be found in the biog-

raphy of his first wife, Mrs. Ella Smith Morrow, in the line of Dr. Joseph R. Smith.

Susan Smith and Dr. George Morrow had issue:

a. Lucy Morrow, who was educated at Helmuth College, London, Ontario, and Hart School of Acting, Chicago, Ill. She became a talented actress, playing for several years in New York and in other cities. She was leading woman with James A. Herne in "Shore Acres;" leading woman in Augustus Pitou's "Cumberland 6I," and also leading woman with Charles Frohman's production, "The White Heather," etc., etc.

She m, first in 1890, Harvey C. LeSourd, an actor. They were married in Columbus, Ohio. He was b, in Dayton, Ohio. He played with Frederick Ward, with William S. Hart, and others. He also played in "Cumberland 61" and in "Arizona."

Lucy was m, second in 1917, in Birmingham, to Ernest Hutson, who was b, in Madison, Wis. He had several interests—the newspaper, advertising and coal business. They lived in New York, Chicago and in Birmingham.

No issue by first or second marriages.

b. Anna Louise Morrow, b, Sept. 6th, 1878; m, Dec. 11th, 1901, James Warner Shook, b, Aug. 24th, 1875, son of Alfred Montgomery Shook and Teresa Estill Shook of Tennessee.

Warner Shook received his education at Phillips-Exeter and at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is a prominent industrialist of Birmingham and a citizen of many interests.

Anna L. Morrow Shook graduated from Pollock-Stephens School in Birmingham and the Misses Phelps School in Columbus, Ohio.

The Warner Shooks have a beautiful estate on

Shades Mountain out from the City of Birmingham, overlooking the valley.

They have three children:

- (a) Susan Morrow Shook, b, June 10th, 1906, graduate of Holton Arms in Washington, D. C., and was abroad two years at Miss Riser's School in Rome, Italy. Susan Morrow Shook, a member of the Junior League, Debutante Club, etc., is actively interested in the Red Cross and other civic work during and since World War II, giving valuable service.
- (b) Alfred Montgomery Shook III, b, Aug. 4th, 1908, received his education at the National Cathedral for Boys, Washington, D. C.; Asheville School for Boys, Asheville, N. C., and the University of Alabama. He married Jane Comer, who was b, Nov. 18th, 1908, daughter of Donald Comer of Birmingham and Gertrude Miller, formerly of Reading, Pa. Jane is a granddaughter of former Gov. Braxton Bragg Comer of Alabama and his first wife, Eva Jane Harris.

Alfred and Jane have issue:

- 1. Catherine Comer Shook, b, Feb. 19th, 1937.
- 2. Ann Morrow Shook, b, March 2nd, 1940.
- (c) Teresa Estill Shook, b, Aug. 5th, 1911, is a graduate of Foxcroft School, Washington, D. C., and was abroad one year at the Madame Boni School in Rome, Italy. She also completed a course in Physical Education at Columbia. She too is a member of the Debutante Club, and of the Junior League. She is a splendid horsewoman. She is now head of Physical Education at Foxcroft College, and is also assistant to the Principal.

c. George Milburn Morrow, Jr., eldest son of Susan Smith and Dr. George M. Morrow, was b, in Birmingham, Feb. 28th, 1883; m, Feb. 26th, 1910, Christine Weymouth Finn of Boston, who was b, Feb. 11th, 1889. She is the daughter of George Howell Finn (b, Sept. 26th, 1858), and his wife, Mary Alice Geisse (b, Oct. 20th, 1859).

George M. Morrow, Jr., was educated at Bingham School, N. C.; the University of Virginia; a graduate of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, and served in the U. S. Army from 1902 to May, 1913. He and Christine now reside in Daytona Beach, Fla. They have two children:

- (a) Christine Emily Morrow, m, 1934 Walter Agee of Birmingham. They were divorced. She m, second, William Hicks in 1945. She has two children by her first marriage:
  - 1. Edmund Rucker Agee.
  - 2. Eugenia Morrow Agee.
- (b) George M. Morrow III m, Wilber Leake Fite in 1941. Their issue:
  - 1. George Milburn Morrow IV.
  - 2. Robert Armstead Morrow.
- d. Frank H. Morrow, youngest son of Dr. George M. Morrow and Susan Smith; d, at his beautiful home in California in 1933. Unmarried.

# CAPT. THOMAS SMITH and

SUSAN ALICE PRICE

## Fifth Generation

6-Capt. Thomas Smith, sixth son of John Smith, Esqr., and Sally Riley, was b, Feb. 7th, 1828, in Jefferson County, Alabama; d, in Tyler, Texas, Oct. 15th, 1880.

Thomas Smith was well educated, graduating from Cumberland College in Tennessee. He decided early to move to Texas and try his fortune there. He left Jefferson County in the Spring of 1852 on his journey, when many other young men were going "West."

In a letter to his father, John Smith, Esqr., dated April 12th, 1852, after his arrival, he speaks "of the beauty of the Prairies," and of the stage coach turning over on the way. He also speaks of "John and Selina," and of "John H." having purchased some of the most beautiful town lots in Austin. Also speaks of "Conner." These were his cousins, members of the Riley family, who had gone out to Texas earlier.

Thomas Smith settled first in Henderson, Texas. He married at San Augustine, Texas, Alice Price, on Aug. 3d, 1854, whose family had also gone from Alabama to Texas earlier. She was b, in Sumter County, Alabama, Aug. 14th, 1835; d, at Austin, Texas, Jan. 9th, 1907, and was buried in Tyler.

Susan Price's parents were Elijah Price, b, in Martin County, North Carolina, Sept. 9th, 1791, and Temperance Thomas, b, in Stantonsburg, Edgemont County, North Carolina, whom he married in 1821.

Capt. Smith suffered a tragic death, due to his deafness. While walking home from his office one afternoon, he crossed a spur of railroad track on the street. A swift-moving engine backed out from between buildings and struck him, killing him instantly.

Capt. Smith was a Mason, a member of St. John's Lodge No. 53 of Tyler. He was held in high esteem, as evinced by the many tributes received on the occasion of his death. Many of these are lengthy, but an extract or two will be given.

Resolutions from the Texas Bar Association, in newspapers and the Texas Law Journal state that "He was a ripe scholar both in literature and law." And that "the

Bar has lost a member who was a model of personal and professional honor and integrity, coupled with ability and an accurate knowledge of the duties of his office; and as a citizen he was faithful, just and devoted."

His wife, Susan Price Smith, made will, leaving property in Austin and Tyler to her children, also community property and notes to her granddaughters, Berta and Bessie, together with land in five different counties in Texas.

Capt. Thomas Smith was an Episcopalian. He and his wife were members of Christ Church in Tyler, Texas. In this church are two beautiful memorial windows of stained glass, to Capt. Smith and his wife, Susan, presented by their daughters, Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Smith Askew, and Mrs. Margaret Ann Smith Clark.

Capt. Thomas Smith and his wife, Susan Alice Price, had the following children:

- A. Elijah Price Smith, b, in Henderson, Texas, on the 25th day of July, 1855; m, Ella Wiley.
- B. Sarah Elizabeth Smith b, in Henderson, Texas, Nov. 24th, 1856; m, Gen. Henry G. Askew.
- C. Thomas Smith, Jr., b, in Henderson, Texas, July 27th, 1859; d, in infancy, Aug. 6th, 1860.
- D. Margaret Ann Smith, b, in Henderson, Texas, Feb. 19th, 1861; m, John Clark.
- E. Albert Stedman Smith, b, Feb., 1863; d, in infancy, Nov. 22nd, 1864.
- F. Emery Brown Smith, b, in Tyler, Texas Jan. 5th, 1873; d, in infancy, April 14, 1873.

Three of Thomas Smith's children died in infancy or in childhood. Data will be given of those who lived to adult life.

A. Elijah Price Smith, eldest son of Thomas and Susan Price Smith, was b, July 25th, 1855, in Henderson, Rusk County, Texas. He married on May 19th, 1880, Ella Wiley of Texas. Elijah Smith was a cultured man of pleasing personality. He was clerk of the Court of Criminal Appeals in Austin for about thirty years until the time of his death, which occurred in Dallas, Texas, Dec. 31st, 1916. Elijah and Ella Wiley Smith had no children.

B. Sarah Elizabeth Smith, second child, but eldest daughter of Capt. Thomas and Susan Price Smith, was born in Henderson, Texas, Nov. 24th, 1856; died Dec. 31st, 1930; m, in Tyler, Texas, Aug. 25th, 1875, to Gen. Henry Garrison Askew. She was the second wife of Gen. Askew. (His former wife, whom he married in January, 1870, was Mary Elizabeth Wood, eldest daughter of Judge S. D. Wood. She lived only four years after marriage, leaving two children, Ada and Charles Askew.)

Gen. Askew was b, in Marshall, Republic of Texas, Dec. 17th, 1845. He was the son of Casy Askew and Elizabeth Jones Garrison Askew. His paternal grandfather was Henry Askew, b, in Virginia in 1780. On his maternal side he could trace his ancestry to Walter Evans, who came from Wales to America in 1685, settling in Maryland.

Aside from his family, Gen. Askew was keenly interested in three subjects, genealogy, the Confederate Veterans, and the railroad business. He was reared at Marshall and Sulphur Springs. He served in several offices in several Divisions of the Confederate Army, first with Hugh's Cavalry of Volunteers against Federal, Indian and Mexican invasion. While at the Brazos it with others formed the Second Texas State Cavalry Division, including the Second Texas Rangers, in which he was Lieutenant.

Because of his activity in the Confederate Veterans he was made Adjutant General of this organization, and served for twenty years until his death. He never missed a reunion.

Gen. Askew was Statistician of Principal Railways in Austin. Sarah Elizabeth Smith Askew, his second wife, bore him four children, two daughters and two sons. The two sons, Ernest and Henry Askew, died in infancy. Their daughters were:

c. Florence Alberta Askew, third child of Sarah Elizabeth and Gen. Askew, was b, Aug. 20th, 1878; m, May 16th, 1907, Dr. James McLaughlin, well-known physician of Austin, Texas. He enlisted in the first World War and served as Captain in the Medical Corps. In the years that followed, Dr. McLaughlin became a prominent specialist in Austin, and a consultant in diseases of the stomach. His death occurred March 21st, 1942.

Mrs. McLaughlin still lives in Austin. They had no children.

- d. Susan Elizabeth Askew, b, March 14th, 1881, in Tyler, Texas, moved to Austin with her family in 1893; m, on Nov. 20th, 1905, Alfred William Oliphant, son of William James Oliphant and Alice Townsend Oliphant, in Austin. They still reside in Austin. They have two children, viz:
  - (a) Elizabeth Ann Oliphant, b, May 11th, 1910, attended the University of Texas, where she was a student assistant in Mathematics; graduated summa cum laude; B.A. 1930, M.A. 1931. Was awarded a University Fellowship in 1931; member of Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, Pi Lambda Theta and Delta Kappa Gamma. In March, 1942, appointed to the faculty of Texas College of Arts and Industries at Kingsville, Texas, where she now holds the rank of assistant Professor of Mathematics.

(b) Alfred William Oliphant, Jr., b, May 24th, 1911, graduated summa cum laude at the University of Texas, B.B.A. 1932, and M.B.A. 1933; m, Mary Jane Thomas, daughter of Roy L. Thomas and Ruth Beaver Thomas, in Austin, on June 9th, 1934. From January, 1933, to January, 1939, he was statistician for the Texas State Board of Control. In June, 1941, he was appointed an Auditor in the U. S. Public Health Service and stationed in New Orleans. In September, 1942, he was transferred to Washington, D. C., as Administrator Analyst in the U. S. P. H. S.

He resigned this position in 1944 when he volunteered for the Navy. He was commissioned Lieutenant (j.g.), U. S. Navy.

At present is stationed in Washington in the Service of Supply.

D. Margaret Ann Smith, fourth child and second daughter of Capt. Thomas Smith and Susan Price Smith, was b, in Henderson, Texas, Feb. 19th, 1861; d, July 3d, 1942; m, John Clark in Tyler, Texas, November, 1892, and went to live in Galveston, Texas. Mr. Clark was b, in Manchester, England, July 3d, 1854. He came to America with his parents when he was ten years of age, the family settling in Fall River, Mass.

He moved to Palestine, Texas, when he was 19 years of age and was a resident of this state until his death, which occurred Jan. 20th, 1925, in Big Spring, Texas. He and his wife are buried in Tyler.

Margaret Ann Smith and John Clark had no children.

## SARAH JANE SMITH and WASHINGTON M. BAIRD

## Fifth Generation

9-Sarah Jane Smith, ninth child of John Smith and Sally Riley, was b, June 20th, 1835; d, April 14th, 1883; m, about 1857, Washington M. Baird, a well-educated man of fine family, formerly of South Carolina, who came with his parents, brothers and sisters and settled in the upper part of Jefferson County.

Washington Baird, together with a number of others, who, for one reason or another, were unable to join the active forces of the Southern Army in the War Between the States, formed a Home Guard which gave them plenty of activity. At this time a large number of "bushwhackers" and "carpetbaggers" were overrunning the South, pilferring and inciting the negroes to criminal acts. They were also promoting "gold brick" schemes; and in the absence of fathers, husbands and brothers in the service, were frightening and arrogantly imposing upon the families.

Washington Baird was shot and killed in the line of duty by a "bushwhacker," March 5th, 1863, and is buried in the old John Smith cemetery.

Sarah Jane and the three little girls were left. Her father, John Smith, took them into his home, where they lived until his death, and afterwards for some time, as the home place was left to Sarah Jane and her unmarried sister, Lucy. When they grew to 'teen-age, her brother, Dr. Joseph R. Smith, sent them to St. Cecelia Academy in Nashville. They all three were noted beauties. Their names were Lucy O., Sarah J., Jr., and Fannie W.

A. Lucy Octavius Baird, b, Feb. 19th, 1858; d, Dec. 22nd, 1931; m, Nov. 15th, 1877, Dr. John E. Ellis. He was b, July 9th, 1852; d, Feb. 5th, 1935. He was a druggist in the City of Birmingham all his married life and their white brick home on West 20th St. was indeed a hospitable one.

After a few years her mother and her three sisters came to make their home with them. Here her mother died in 1883 and her sister, Fannie, at the age of eighteen. Here also her sister, Sally Baird, was married to Dr. Cunningham Wilson Nov. 15th, 1886.

Lucy Baird and Dr. John E. Ellis had issue, two sons:

- a. Thomas Burwell Ellis, b, Feb. 28th, 1879; m, Ida Nell Allison May 12th, 1914. She was the daughter of Sarah Kathryn Hightower and Charles Walter Allison. (Mrs. Sarah Kathryn Hightower Allison d, in March, 1947.) Thomas and Nell Ellis have issue:
  - (a) John Ellis, Jr., b, March 9th, 1915; m, Mildred Jo Winfield. John E. Ellis, Jr., was in essential war work during World War II. They have issue:

1. John Ellis.

- (b) Lucy Kathryn Ellis, b, April 16th, 1924; m, Ross S. Jones, Jr. He was Machinist Mate in the Navy during World War II. Their issue: 1. Thomas Ross Jones.
- b. George Fletcher Ellis, b, Jan. 5th, 1881; d, Dec. 28th, 1904. Unmarried.
- B. Sarah Jane (Sally) Baird, b, July 14th, 1861; d, April 4th, 1936; m, Nov. 15th, 1886, Dr. Cunningham Wilson, who became one of the most noted physicians and surgeons, not only in Birmingham, but in the South. He was b, Oct. 12th, 1860, the son of Fannie Hamilton and James Wilson, scions of old South Carolina families, who settled Northeast of the present City of Birmingham, near Roebuck Springs. Dr. Wilson com-

pleted his medical education at the University of Pennsylvania in 1884. He is a descendant of Major Andrew Hamilton of the Revolution in South Carolina, to whom a monument has been erected.

Their home was located at Five Points, South Highlands, facing 20th St. Sally Baird and Dr. Wilson were among the founders of the Highlands Methodist Church. They had issue:

- a. Mary Lou Wilson, b, March 19th, 1888. She was educated at Vassar, 1907-1910. She is of literary ability and a journalist. Married Nov. 2nd, 1910, William MacDonald McGrath of Detroit, Mich., he being the son of Canon Joseph MacDonald McGrath, the latter b, about 1843, and his wife, Janette Wendell, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Gross Point, Mich. The Wendell, Minturn and Brevort families, all related, came over from Holland in the early 1700s. The McGrath grandparents came from Ireland about 1800. Canon McGrath served as Episcopal Rector of Breton Woods, N. H.; Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral, Rector of St. James Church, Ormond Beach, Fla., and others. Mary Lou Wilson and William McGrath have issue:
  - (a) Joseph MacDonald McGrath II, b, Oct. 5th, 1911; m, September, 1942, Edna Gordon of South Norwalk, Conn. Issue:
    1. Mary Beth McGrath, b, Dec. 30th, 1946.
    - I. Mary Beth McGrath, b, Dec. 30th, 1946. Joseph MacDonald McGrath enlisted in Naval Reserve in April, 1942. Trained in Amphibious warfare; served on L. C. I. in South Pacific; Boatswain's Mate 1st Class in the Philippine invasions; recommended for Lieutenant (j. g.) but war ended before he received commission. He received good conduct medal, and others.

- (b) Cunningham Wilson McGrath, b, June 14th, 1912; employed in essential industry during World War II at Ingall's Shipyard, Pascagoula, Miss; m, 1940, Mae Krebbs of Pascagoula. Issue:
  - 1. Cunningham Wilson McGrath, Jr., b. Oct. 10th, 1941.
  - 2. Janette Wendell McGrath, b, June 4th, 1943.
  - 3. Joseph Krebbs McGrath, b, June 24th, 1946.
- (c) William MacDonald McGrath, Jr., b, January, 1915. Employed in essential industry during World War II at Ingall's Shipyard, Pascagoula, Miss., and Gulf Shipyard at Mobile; m, Margaret Cason of Norfolk, Va., 1936. Their issue:
  - 1. William MacDonald McGrath III, b, June 10th, 1939.
  - 2. Mary Jane McGrath, b, Jan. 19th, 1942.
- b. Sarah Wilson, b, Nov. 27th, 1895, educated at Mary Baldwin Seminary and Sweet Brier College, Virginia. m, Dec. 2nd, 1914, Dr. Thomas Vinnoy Magruder, physician and surgeon, who was b, July 6th, 1886; was graduated from Mississippi College, 1906, and from Tulane Medical College, 1901. He served as Captain in Medical Corps, U. S. Army, from 1917 to 1919, World War I. He is the son of Georgia Lois Richards and James William Magruder. Sarah Wilson and Dr. Thomas Magruder have issue:
  - (a) Thomas Vinnoy Magruder, Jr., M.D., b, July 1st, 1916, graduate of the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., 1934, and of the University Medical College, 1942. Received medical training at Peter Brent-Brigham Hospital, 1942-1943. He was Captain in Medical Corps 1943-1946, World War II. He is a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, and of Phi Chi

Medical Fraternity. He m, Jan. 29th, 1947, Emmin Virginia Long, daughter of Emmin Whatley and George Vernon Long. She was educated at Misses Howard School for Girls in Birmingham, and Florida State College.

(b) Margaret Magruder, b, Oct. 15th, 1921. She was educated at Fairfax Hall, Wainsboro, Va. She was a debutante and member of the Junior League of Birmingham. She m, Jan. 9th, 1945, Alexander Williamson Jones, attorney, who was b, Nov. 2nd, 1914, son of Pamella Jones and Cadwallader Jones. His parents were first cousins. He is grandson of the late Augusta Walthall Carlisle of "Kenworthy Hall" on "Carlisle Hill" in Perry County, Alabama, and her husband, Dr. Alexander Williamson Jones, Confederate soldier and personal physician to Gen. Bedford Forrest, with the rank of Major.

Margaret Magruder and Alexander Williamson Jones have issue:

- 1. Margaret Magruder Jones, b, June 22nd, 1946.
- c. Frank Cunningham Wilson, b March 5th, 1892, physician and surgeon, was m, at St. Timothy's church, Baltimore County, Maryland, on Sept. 16th, 1924, Emily Bland Symington, who was b, Sept. 16th, 1903. She is the daughter of Emma Harden Bland and William Wallace Symington. She is the grand-daughter of Thomas Alexander Symington and Emily Spence of Baltimore.

Emily Bland Symington Wilson is also a grand-daughter of Maria Harden and John Randolph Bland of Maryland, being descendants of old Virginia families. She was educated at St. Timothy's School and at Bryn Mawr.

Dr. Frank Cunningham Wilson was educated at Virginia Military Institute, graduated in medicine and surgery at Tulane, and served his internship at Johns Hopkins Union Memorial Hospital, Baltimore. Their children are:

- (a) Frank Cunningham Wilson, Jr., b, June 26th, 1925. Received his education at Virginia Episcopal School, the University of Virginia and his medical training at Harvard Medical School. He was in the U. S. Navy from 1942-1945 during World War II.
- (b) William Wallace Symington Wilson, portrait artist, b, Nov. 18th, 1927. Was educated at Loomis School, Windsor, Conn.; the University of Virginia, and the Yale School of Fine Arts.
- (c) John Randolph Bland Wilson, b, July 31st, 1929. He received his education at Woodberry Forest School, Virginia, and Virginia Military Institute.
- (d) Thomas Alexander Symington Wilson, b, April 14th, 1933. He is now at Birmingham University School.
- (e) Emily Symington Wilson, b, Feb. 5th, 1940; now attending Mountain Brook School of Birmingham.
- d. Rosa Wilson, b, Nov. 2nd, 1901; m, Jan. 12th, 1921, Arthur Lee Major, who was b, Jan. 13th, 1894, the son of Annie Lamont Quarles (she b, March 6th, 1868) in Richmond, Va., and William Alexander Major (b, Jan. 8th, 1863) in Richmond.

Rosa Wilson completed her education at Mary Baldwin in Staunton, Va., and Arthur Major at the University of Alabama. Their issue:

(a) Arthur Lee Major, Jr., b, Dec. 12th, 1921; graduated from the University of the South,

Sewanee, Tenn. He served in World War II in the Ordnance Department.

(b) Sarah Jane Major, b, Feb. 1st, 1927. Has completed her Junior year at Goucher College, Baltimore, Md.

#### SUSAN ELIZABETH SMITH

and

#### FREDERICK TOLBERT WEAVER

## Fifth Generation

7—Susan Elizabeth Smith, seventh child of John Smith and Sally Riley, was b, at Old Jonesboro, Jefferson County, Alabama, April 21st, 1830; d, Feb. 23d, 1906, at her plantation home near Columbus, Miss.

She m, Feb. 18th, 1848, Col. Frederick Tolbert Weaver of Mississippi, who was born in Madison County, Virginia, Aug. 28th, 1823; d, on his plantation, Weaver Place, ten miles out from Columbus, Miss., in the "Dunbar Neighborhood," Dec. 31st, 1902, and was buried on New Year's Day, 1903.

Col. Weaver was the third son of William and Nancy Weaver of Virginia. Col. Weaver served in the Confederate Army, a member of Forrest's Cavalry five years, from 1860-65. His wife was left at *Weaver Place* with seven children, the eldest aged eleven, and the care and maintenance of the slaves besides.

Susan Smith Weaver was much like the Rileys in features, but was quiet in manner like her father. She was devoted to her large family.

Although there were always servants on the Weaver plantation, she kept her finger on the pulse of the household, and was noted as a wonderful manager before and after the "uncivil" war.

Of the ten children of her father, John Smith, seven were sons. Susan was the first girl born after six brothers,

and the seventh son was born next after her birth. She was practically brought up by these, joining in all of their activities in which it was possible for her to participate, and her affection for them was the subject of comment.

In his old age, Dr. Joseph R. Smith of Birmingham made a visit to his sister, Mrs. Susan Smith Weaver and Col. Weaver in Mississippi. The sister and brother had not seen one another for many years. One who witnessed their meeting described it thus: "We saw the tall white-haired lady running down the box-bordered walk. Clasping her older but much smaller brother in her arms and kissing him on each cheek, she cried: 'Oh, Josie, Josie!' And there were tears in the eyes of each. It was touching to see reunion of this devoted old brother and sister."

Five generations have enjoyed the hospitality of Weaver Place, which was settled in 1833. The genuine pleasure that Susan and Col. Weaver radiated when their children or family members arrived is a treasured memory to them all.

Children of Susan Elizabeth Smith and Col. Frederick Tolbert Weaver:

- A. Lucy Jane Weaver, b, at Weaver Place, Feb. 24th, 1849; d, April 7th, 1934; m, Dec. 17th, 1868, Simeon Taylor Sparks of Columbus.
- B. Eloise Weaver, b, Jan. 24th, 1851; d, March 8th, 1874; m (first wife), Thomas Austin Stimson. No issue.
- C. Sallie Helen Weaver, b, Sept. 1st, 1852; d, of scarlet fever, Sept. 23d, 1860; aged 8 years, 23 days.
- D. Smith Weaver, b, Sept. 4th, 1854; d, March 14th, 1924; m, Mary Charles (Mollie) Westmoreland, who survives him.

She was of Columbus, Miss., but her family moved there from Pickens County, Alabama. She continued her profession of teaching after his death, and was considered one of the finest and most beloved teachers of Mississippi schools. No issue.

- E. Frederick Quimby Weaver, b, Jan. 22nd, 1857; d, at College (Franklin Institute), Murphreesboro, Tenn., April 15th, 1873, aged sixteen.
- F. Susan Emily Weaver, b, April 4th or 21st, 1858; d, Feb. 16th, 1932; m (second wife), May, 1876, Thomas Austin Stimson, the widower of her deceased sister, Eloise Weaver. Had issue.
- G. Bernard Bee Weaver, b, at Weaver Place Sept. 14th, 1861; d, in Madison County, Virginia, Sept. 15th, 1941; m, Jan. 3d, 1883, Fannie Hardie. Had issue.

Lines of those who had issue will be run to the present in the following pages:

A. Lucy Jane Weaver, eldest daughter of Susan Elizabeth Smith and Frederick Tolbert Weaver, was b, Feb. 24th, 1849; d, April 7th, 1934; m, at *Weaver Place*, Lowndes County, Mississippi, by the Rev. W. McLeod, to Simeon Taylor Sparks, on Dec. 17th, 1868.

Simeon Taylor Sparks was the third son of Samuel Moses and Elizabeth Yeager Sparks, and was b, in Panola County, Mississippi, Aug. 5th, 1848; d, July 21st, 1942. Their children were:

- a. Aileen Craddock Sparks, b, Saturday, Dec. 11th, 1869; d, July 26th, 1910. Never married.
- b. Joseph Henry Sparks, b, Monday, September 4th, 1871; d, July, 1943; m, in Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 1899, Roberta Milam. Their issue:
  - (a) Aileen Lee Sparks, b, Sept. 29th, 1900; m, Thomas Goode Jones, Jr., in Atlanta, Ga., May, 1918. Their issue:
    - 1. Thomas Goode Jones III, b, April 18th, 1919; m, Mildred Glenn Baer, daughter of Major Baer, Dean of Marion Military Institute, Marion, Ala., June, 1938.
    - 2. Joseph Sparks Jones, b, Aug. 26th, 1924; m, Helen Neal Therough in Florence, Ala., Nov. 13th, 1944.

(b) Laura Elizabeth Sparks, b, July 31st, 1905; m, Samuel Edward Ruth, Dec. 31st, 1929, in Birmingham, Ala. Samuel Edward Ruth d, March 8th, 1943. Their issue:

1. Samuel Owen Ruth, b, July 14th, 1931. William Weaver Ruth, b, March 12th, 1934.

c. Eloise Weaver Sparks, b, Saturday, May 15th, 1874, in Octebeha County, Mississippi; m, Feb. 20th, 1895, in Birmingham, Ala., John Milton Mallory, who was b, in Octebeha County, Mississippi, June 1st, 1873. Their children:

(a) Waldo Weaver Mallory, b, March 29th, 1896, in Birmingham, Ala.; m, in Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 23d, 1922, Alice Hotchkiss Orme, b, Dec., 1900, in Atlanta.

Waldo Weaver Mallory was a graduate of Clemson College, South Carolina, 1916-1917. He is a post-graduate of Columbia University, New York, majoring in foreign trade and shipping. He enlisted in World War I; appointed Sergeant Co. I, 54th Infantry, 6th Division, April, 1918; commissioned Sea Scout at Camp Mills, Long Island, July 4th, 1918; assigned to Headquarters, Port of Embarkation, Army Information Department District, as Lieutenant, June, 1919. He is a member of the Episcopal Church. Their issue:

- 1. Waldo Weaver Mallory, Jr., b, Aug. 2nd, 1924; graduated A.B. degree University of Georgia; also majored in Business Administration in Boston. He was in World War II, V-12 Unit, Ph. M. 3-c, U. S. S. James O'Hara.
- 2. John Orme Mallory, b, Jan. 21st, 1936.

d. Susan Helon Sparks, daughter of Lucy Jane Weaver and Simeon Taylor Sparks, was b, July 26th, 1876, in Octebeha County, Mississippi. She was educated at Franklyn Academy, Columbus, Miss., and being talented in music studied piano and voice under some of the foremost teachers in the South. She was Regent of Andrew Pickens Chapter, D.A.R., Clemson, S. C., and President John C. Calhoun Chapter, U.D.C.

She m, Sept. 21st, 1898, in Birmingham, Joseph Nelson Harper, who had degrees from A. & M. College of Mississippi and of the University of Kentucky. He was an internationally known scientist. He d, July 1st, 1936, in Atlanta, Ga. Sue and Joseph N. Harper had issue:

(a) Lucy Elizabeth Harper, b, Aug. 11th, 1901, in Lexington, Ky.; graduated from Lucy Cobb Institute, Junior College in Athens, Ga., in 1922, and was a student at Columbia University, New York.

She was a member of the 1924 Atlanta Debutante Club; charter member of the Cotillion Club, and, like her mother, is actively interested in patriotic organizations and the Episcopal Church.

She m, Joseph Albert Oswald Dec. 3d, 1928. She is now a widow and lives in Atlanta. Lucy E. Harper and Joseph Albert Oswald had issue, two daughters:

- 1. Susan Theresa Oswald, b, in Dayton, Ohio, Oct. 5th, 1929. Sue graduated from the National Cathedral School in Washington, D. C., 1947, and is now at Mary Washington, the Woman's College of the University of Virginia.
- 2. Lucy Harper Oswald, b, Sept. 5th, 1932, in

Dayton, Ohio. Is now at Washington Seminary, in Atlanta.

- e. Lucy Elizabeth Sparks, b, near Columbus, Miss., Aug. 20th, 1878; m, Oct. 7th, 1903, in Columbus, William Henry Scherffins, b, near Mayfield, Ky., Oct. 15th, 1870. Their home is in Washington. Issue:
  - (a) William Simoen Scherffins, b, Aug. 5th, 1904, in Lexington, Ky.; m, Sept. 17th, 1934, in Pittsburgh, Pa., Ruth Yates of Emlenton, Pa., who was b, in Emlenton, Ja., Jan. 28th, 1909.

William Simoen Scherffins received his education in Cape Town, South Africa, and at Georgia Tech, Atlanta, Ga. They live in Pittsburgh. Issue:

- 1. William Edwards Scherffins, b, March 27th, 1945.
- f. Frederick Yeager Sparks, m, Frances Speaker of Birmingham, Ala. Issue:
  - (a) Frederick Yeager Sparks, Jr., d, age 7.

(b) Eloise Sparks.

- G. Gernard Bee Weaver, b, in Lowndes County, Mississippi, Sept. 14th, 1861; d, in Madison County, Virginia, Sept. 15th, 1941; m, Jan. 3rd, 1883, Fannie Hardie of Panola, Miss (Eureka P. O.) She was b, Oct. 22nd, 1866, and d, in Madison County, Virginia, Feb. 8th, 1945. They are both buried in their son-in-law's section of the Church Cemetery of Historic Hebron Lutheran Church in Madison County, Virginia. Their former home until old age was at Springdale, Lowndes County, Mississippi. He was Baptist, she a Presbyterian. They had issue, an only child:
  - a. Clara Weaver, b, Aug. 20th, 1885. On Jan. 19th, 1910, she was married to Jason Campbell Crigler of Madison County, Va., a merchant in the Village of Brightwood, and Vice President of the Second

National Bank of Culpepper. He is also a member of the Council of Hebron Lutheran (now English) Church which dates back to 1733.

This historic Church was founded by German Colonists, and for many years only German was spoken. From one of these Colonists both Jason Campbell Crigler and his grandfather-in-law, Frederick Tolbert Weaver, descended. Clara Weaver and Jason Campbell Crigler had the following children:

- (a) Jason Cornelius Crigler, b, in Brightwood, Va., Nov. 4th, 1910; d, at *Springdale* in Mississippi at the home of his grandparents on June 30th, 1912, buried in Virginia.
- (b) Fannie Hardie Crigler, b, June 1st, 1912, at Springdale, Lowndes County, Mississippi, reared in Virginia. After completing her education, she began training, and graduated in nursing from Stuart Circle Hospital in Richmond, Va., was married Oct. 12th, 1938, to Marion Thomas Jeffries of Richmond and Culpepper, Va., now of St. Cloud, Fla. They had issue:
  - 1. Lucy Ellen Jeffries, b, March 29th, 1940, in Richmond, Va.
  - 2. Betsy Hardie Jeffries, b, Aug. 14, 1943, in Orlando, Fla.
  - 3. Nancy Goodloe Jeffries, b, Jan. 12th, 1946.
- (c) Ellen Gladys Crigler, b, Oct. 1st, 1913, at Shadow Lawn, Brightwood, Va., graduated from Marion College. She went into nurses' training and graduated from Stuart Circle Hospital, Richmond; volunteered for Red Cross Service, was stationed at Ft. Monroe; volunteered into U.S.A. and served a year and a half overseas. Is First Lieutenant, A.N.C., later Chief Nurse at Forrest Glenn Walter

- Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C. Now Captain, Regular Army. Stationed in Hawaii.
- (d) Bernard Weaver Crigler, b, Dec. 25th, 1916, at Shadow Lawn, Brightwood, Va., graduated from Randolph Macon Academy, Front Royal, Va., and also from Business College; entered the Armed Forces in World War II, 1942; m, June 3rd, 1942, Jane Waugh of Culpepper, Va., a graduate of Mary Washington College at Fredericksburg. In 1944 went overseas with 194th Glider Infantry in France.
- (e) William Fielding Crigler, b, Dec. 20th, 1919, graduate of Roanoke College, Salem, Va. Is in the railroad business.
- F. Susan Emily Weaver, b, April 4th, 1858; d, Feb. 16th, 1932; m, May, 1876, Thomas Austin Stinson, the widower of her sister, Eloise Weaver. Issue: Three daughters and five sons, viz:
  - a. Annie Stinson, b, March 10th, 1883; m, Claud Taylor. Issue:
    - (a) Eloise Taylor, b, July 1st, 1910; d, unmarried.
  - b. Corinne Stinson, b, March 12th, 1893; m, Robert Elliott, a planter of Lowndes County, Mississippi. They moved to Riverside, Calif., and purchased pecan groves. She, now a widow, lives in Riverside. No issue.
  - c. Susan Emily Stinson, b, March 31st, 1888; d, April 4th, 1920. Never married.
  - d. Thomas Brooks Stinson, b, March 15th, 1890; m, April 10th, 1912, Aurelia McCullough, daughter of Hortense Wood and Dr. Jefferson Davis McCullough. They live at Greenwood, Miss. It is interesting to note that Thomas Brooks Stinson was a twin. His twin brother died when only two weeks old. It is also an interesting fact that his wife,

Aurelia, is also a twin. Her twin sister is living. Aurelia and Thomas Brooks Stinson have issue, two sons:

- (a) Thomas Davis Stinson, b, Feb. 5th, 1915; educated at Sunflower Junior College; U. S. Academy; University of Alabama, B.S. degree; and graduate of the University of Pennsylvania; m, Minette Harris Townsend, daughter of T. W. and Minnie Bess Harris Townsend; was commissioned Second Lieutenant, U. M. C. R., Jan. 30th, 1943, and to active duty March 25th, 1943; served in the Marshal Islands, Okinawa, Iwo Shima and Aquni Shima. Discharged June 10th, 1946, was physicist and engineer; also had radar work in Marine Corps as First Lieutenant.
- (b) Frederick Austin Stinson, b, Oct. 25th, 1917; graduated with honors at Sunflower Junior College; attended Mississippi State College and received his degree of B.S. from the University of Iowa. He volunteered in Air Corps as weather forecaster, and received training as meteorologist at M.I.T. Served in Cairo, Egypt; Teheran, India, and other stations; was commissioned Second Lieutenant and promoted to Major. He has had special training at the University of Georgia since his discharge. He was married to Anna Catherine Sledge Feb. 14th, 1944. Issue:
  - 1. Fred Sledge Stinson.
- e. Frederick Quimby Stinson, b, Nov. 26th, 1895; m, Velma Vaughn, Dec. 20th, 1922. He served in the First World War. They live in Greenwood, Miss. No issue.
- f. Curtis Austin Stinson, b, June 18th, 1884; m, Ruby

Frazier, Nov. 31st, 1917. They also live in Greenwood, Miss. Have issue, six children:

- (a) Lloyd Harold Stinson, b, Oct. 20th, 1918. He attended Mississippi State College and entered service in the Air Corps, World War II; was taken prisoner of the Japanese soon after war began, survived the persecution, and was released after the war. Later he became a Captain, still serving as Pilot Instructor.
- (b) Margerite Stinson, b, Sept. 11th, 1920; m, Dorys McWhorter.
- (c) Bernice Stinson, b, Feb. 7th, 1924; m, Gay Cain Oswald, Feb. 21st, 1947.
- (d) Virginia Stinson, b, Jan. 26th, 1926.

(e) Janette Stinson, b, Aug. 9th, 1931.

- (f) Curtis Austin Stinson, Jr., b, July 11th, 1933.
- g. Tolbert Weaver Stinson, b, Aug. 27th, 1881; m, Jan. 5th, 1916, Lea McCrary. They have a country place out from Columbus, Miss. Their issue:
  - (a) Edwin Smith Stinson, b, Oct. 6th, 1916.
  - (b) Tolbert Weaver Stinson, Jr., b, April 23d, 1918.
  - (c) Charles Stinson.
- h. William Haynie Stinson, b, March 14th, 1886; m, Annie Butts July 11th, 1918. She d, Feb. 16th, 1925. He m, second, Ethena Hughes. Issue by first wife:
  - (a) William Haynie, Jr., b, July 15th, 1919.
  - (b) Ann Scott Stinson, b, Feb. 3rd, 1921. They, too, live out from Columbus, Miss.

## GEORGE WASHINGTON SMITH

and

Lucinda Boyd Nabers
Fifth Generation

8-George Washington Smith, eighth child of John Smith, Esqr., and Sally Riley, was b, July 19th, 1833;

d, April 8th, 1906; m, March 15th, 1855, Lucinda B. Nabers, daughter of Francis Drayton Nabers and Matilda Mullins of Jefferson County. Lucinda Nabers was b, Oct. 22nd, 1836; d, Dec. 26th, 1901.

George W. and Lucinda Nabers Smith lived on their large farm in the valley near the old Tuscaloosa Road at what is now Powderly all their married life. The home was noted for its hospitality which was enjoyed by their many relatives and friends. The old saying, "The table fairly groaned with food," was literally true here. George Smith was a man of happy nature, generous and friendly. He inherited much of Sally Riley's wit and humor. Lucinda ("Aunt Cin"), his wife, was of the same nature. Needless to say, it was a happy household.

In the days before and after the War of Secession, much travel was done on horseback, and settlers along the main high road seldom turned away a man who asked to spend the night. It was deemed unwise, of course, to take in inebriates, tramps, or a man of unsavory character. It is said that no traveler or wanderer was ever refused admittance to George Smith's home. He was sure of warm food, a blazing fire, and a comfortable bed. In short, George Smith exemplified the well-worn poem, "He lived in a house by the side of the road and was a friend to man."

George W. Smith was a Mason, a member of old Farrar Lodge at Elyton. The splendid eulogy and Resolutions from the Lodge members on the occasion of his death is much too long to reprint here, but excerpts state that "He was like a ray of sunshine among his friends;" and that "A tender, sympathetic man has died after a life as blameless as that of a man could be."

Lucinda and George Smith had the following children:

- a. James Drayton Smith, b, Dec. 28th, 1855; d, July, 1947.
- b. William Smith, b, Nov. 6th, 1858; d, in infancy.

- c. Mathilda M. Smith, b, Nov. 11th, 1860.
- d. Frances A. Smith, b, Aug. 9th, 1863.
- e. Lenora Smith, b, Oct. 7th, 1867; d, in infancy.
- f. Zula N. Smith, b, Aug. 29th, 1870.
- g. Fred W. Smith, b, July 9th, 1873.
- h. Sydney S. Smith, b, May 2nd, 1877; d, 1904.

The lines of those who reached maturity, married and had issue will be given.

D. Frances A. Smith, b, Aug. 9th, 1863; m, first, John William Dupuy, son of Stephen Dupuy and Susan Mudd, these scions of early families to the county. The Dupuy name is French, and there is much in historical and genealogical works concerning it.

John William Dupuy d, March 19th, 1913.

Frances Smith Dupuy m, second, Harry M. Keidel of St. Petersburg, Fla., formerly of Pittsburgh. They make their home in St. Petersburg, Fla. There are no children by the second marriage.

Frances and her first husband, J. William Dupuy, had issue:

Two children died in childhood (a and b).

c. Susan S. Dupuy, b, 1890; m, 1920, her cousin, Dr. Alfred W. Dupuy, well-known dentist of Birmingham, he b, April 4th, 1875, the son of Louis Daniel Dupuy and Sarah Frazier.

Their home is the old Dupuy house of their ancestors located at Powderly, ten miles South of Birmingham. The home has two facings. A Colonial porch of four columns faces what was known in early days as the old Tuscaloosa Road, while across the back is a piazza with square columns extending the full length of the house, and facing the Birmingham Highway.

The house is set in a beautiful grove, with entrance gates down near the highway. Many acres surround the house, and its generous hospitality is

unbounded. In fact, Susan and Al are noted host and hostess. Delightful "spend-the-day" parties of cousins, numbering twenty or thirty, are occasions to be remembered.

Susan and Dr. Al Dupuy have issue:

- (a) Dr. John William Dupuy II, b, 1913. Lieutenant dentist in the Navy, World War II, m, June 1948, Lillian Stephens of Birmingham.
- (b) Alfred Mudd Dupuy, b, 1914, Lieutenant in the Navy, Office of Supply, World War II. Received citation and medals after his ship was wrecked off Newfoundland.
- (c) Sarah Frances Dupuy, b, 1916; m, 1940, Roy Leighton Malone, who served in personnel of the Air Force in India.

They now live in Montgomery, and have issue:

- 1. Roy Leighton Malone, Jr., aged 4 years.
- 2. Susan Elizabeth Malone, aged 2 years.
- F. Zula N. Smith, b, Aug. 29th, 1870; m, 1896, James Alexander Montgomery, who was b, in Greenbrier County, West Virginia, Oct. 20th, 1869, of Scotch Presbyterian ancestors. He came to Birmingham in 1891 and became affiliated with the First Presbyterian Church, in which he has long been an Elder.

His parents were John Johnson Montgomery and Margaret Creigh of Virginia.

James A. Montgomery has always been interested in mining and machinery. He has several inventions to his credit, one which occupied some years of his time, is known as the "Montgomery Coal Washer" which is instrumental in sending out clean coal from the mines of Alabama.

Zula N. Smith and James A. Montgomery had issue: a. Ruth M. Montgomery, b, Nov. 3rd, 1896; m, 1916, William Byars Philips of Birmingham, b, Feb. 10th, 1893, son of Maude Byars and William Ross Philips of St. Clair County, Alabama.

Ruth and William B. Philips have issue:

(a) Frances M. Philips, b, 1917, was educated at Briarcliff College, New York; m, Nov. 11th, 1939, Oliver DeGray Vanderbuilt III, son of Madelon Wier and Oliver DeGray Vanderbuilt II of Cincinnati.

Oliver DeGray Vanderbuilt III was educated at St. Paul's, and at Princeton, N. J. He was a Major in the 7th Army, World War II, receiving the Croix de Guerre and also the Bronze Medal.

"Ollie" and Frances have two children:

- 1. Oliver DeGray Vanderbuilt IV.
- 2. Madelon Wier Vanderbuilt. They live in Cincinnati.
- (b) William Byars Philips, Jr., b, May 27th, 1926. He was in the Army, World War II, stationed in Korea. He is now a student at the University of Alabama.
- (c) Betty Ruth Philips, b, Sept. 14th, 1928. She is now a student at Randolph-Macon College in Virginia.
- b. Charles Joseph Montgomery, son of Zula Smith and James A. Montgomery, b, 1898; m, first, Mary F. Armstrong. Issue:
  - (a) Rhea Montgomery, b, 1925, Sept. 9th, d, 1927. Charles and Mary were divorced. He m, second, Helen Moliere. No issue.

Charles Joseph Montgomery was in the Navy, World War II, and also worked at Oak Ridge Government War Plant No. 2.

c. Frederick Alexander Montgomery, b, 1908, was Assistant Manager, Birmingham Goslin, War Plant

- No. 2, He m, Lois Thornton. No issue.
- d. Eloise Montgomery, b, 1910; m, Crawford S. Black-shear. They live in Eufaula, Ala. They have three children:
  - (a) Brenda Ruth Blackshear, b, May 12, 1941.
  - (b) Martha Vann Blackshear, b, Dec. 9th, 1942.
  - (c) Mary Montgomery Blackshear, b, June 9th, 1947.
- G. Fred W. Smith, b, July 9th, 1873; m, Elgie Sue Pettyjohn, June 24th, 1903, she daughter of Lydia White from England and Lucien Gilbert Pettyjohn from Virginia. She died in 1948. Their issue:
  - a. George Lucien Smith, b, July 28th, 1904; m, Irene Body, Oct. 9th, 1929. Their children:
    - (a) George L. Smith, Jr.
    - (b) Eugene Weaver Smith.
    - (c) Thomas Hatcher Smith.
  - b. Elizabeth Ballard Smith, b, Sept. 16th, 1906. Unmarried.
  - c. Fredda Lucinda Smith, b, March 31st, 1909; m, George L. Stone, Aug. 31st, 1937. Their children:
    - (a) Betty Lucinda Stone.
    - (b) Elgie Sue Stone.
  - d. Lydia Evelyn Smith, b, Dec. 19th, 1910; m, Joe King, Nov. 2nd, 1937. Their children:
    - (a) Joe Ann King.
  - e. James Drayton Smith, b, Oct. 12th, 1910; m, Verinzola McCarley. Their children:
    - (a) James Drayton Smith, Jr.
  - f. Sydney Samuel Smith, b, July 31st, 1914. Unmarried.
  - g. Fred W. Smith, Jr., b, July 5th, 1916; m, Vivian Bedford, Sept. 2nd, 1939. Their children:
    - (a) Judith Lynn Smith.
    - (b) Carrie Sue Smith.

JOSEPH RILEY SMITH, M.D.

and

Margaret Harvie Jordan

and

Mrs. Mary Smithers Kilpatrick

## Fifth Generation

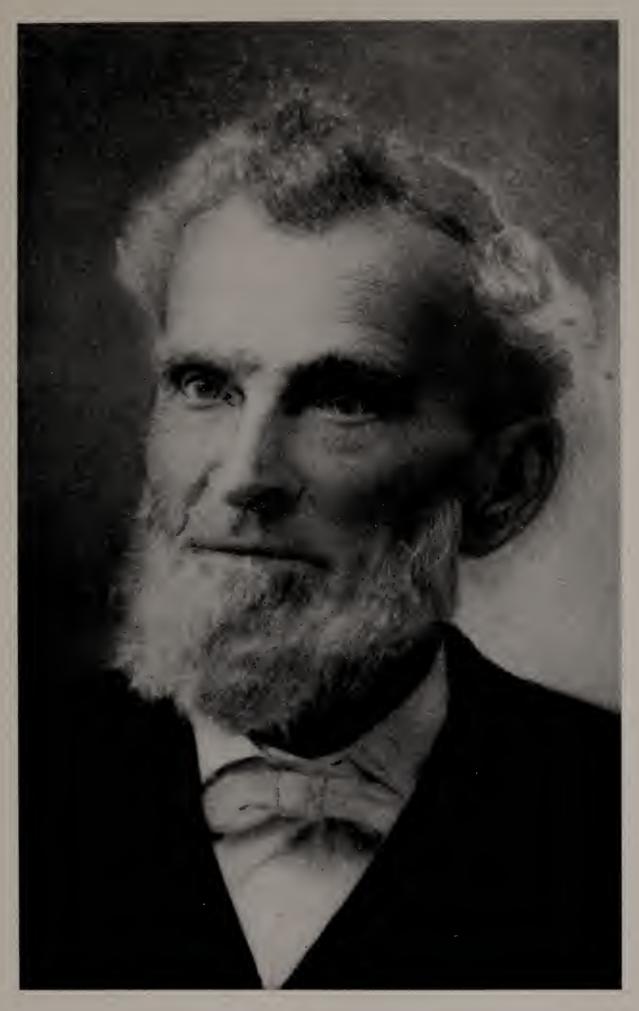
2—Joseph Riley Smith, physician and financier, second son of John Smith, Esqr., and Sally Riley, was b, Feb. 6th, 1818, in Blount County, Mississippi Territory, which is now Jefferson County, Alabama. He is, therefore, one year older than his natal state and county. He was one of the first three white children born in Jones Valley. (He is placed here last in order to run his line out to the present.)

Both the Riley and Smith families were very well educated for the times, and in comfortable circumstances, owning land and slaves in their respective states.

Joseph Riley Smith took advantage of whatever education opportunity presented. He received his early education near his home in old Jonesboro (now Bessemer).

He was a graduate of Union Seminary at Springhill, Tenn., where he studied English, Greek, Latin and Mathematics. When he started to school in Springhill, his old Professor in Jefferson County, John F. Forrest, gave him a certificate of good standing, which is now framed, and in the possession of a grandson, Robert P. McDavid, Jr., of Birmingham.

Joseph R. Smith decided upon medicine as his career. In his vacations he read medicine with Dr. James Kelley, one of the earliest physicians in the valley, until 1839, when, at the age of twenty-one, he entered Transylvania Medical College at Lexington, Ky.



JOSEPH RILEY SMITH



Two years later, on March 13th, 1841, he received his degree from this Institution.

Another grandson, Joseph Riley Smith III, of Dallas,

Texas, owns as a prized possession, this diploma.

When Dr. Smith started on his journey to Lexington, he traveled by four-horse stage coach, the trip requiring four days of good weather. Today his grandchildren go by plane in less than four hours.

When Dr. Smith reached his twenty-first birthday, he

cast his first vote for Martin Van Buren.

While at college in Lexington, he became much interested in a beautiful 'teen-age "belle of Kentucky," Mary Smithers of Lexington.

Dr. Smith's father discouraged his attachment and suggested that he establish himself in his profession before becoming seriously interested in matrimony.

It was as well, for the beauteous Mary centered her favors upon none of her suitors, and continued her social activities.

Dr. Smith entered upon his profession at Old Jonesboro in Jefferson County in 1843, but the next year moved to Elyton, and formed a partnership with Dr. Samuel Earle, a Senior physician and pioneer to the District from South Carolina.

On Jan. 1st, 1844, Dr. Smith married the second of the two sweethearts of his life. This was Margaret Harvie Jordan, daughter of a neighbor, Mortimer Harvie Jordan, and first wife, Lucy Gray, pioneers from Georgia, 1818.

Margaret Jordan was b, in Jefferson County, Alabama, Nov. 25th, 1825. She descended from a most distinguished line of Virginia ancestors. Her earliest was Col. "Samuel Jordan, Gentleman," who arrived in Jamestown in 1610, having left England in 1609 on the Sea Adventurer, which was wrecked in a storm on the rocks of Bermuda, where the passengers remained one year. His name with others was contained in a sealed packet sent by the King as one

to read and execute the laws set forth therein. He sat in the first Assembly or Congress of America. Margaret's ancestors, Capt. Thos. Jordan and Thomas Jordan II, were members of the House of Burgesses. There were also Col. Charles Fleming of Gouchland, Col. John Harvie of Albemarle, Col. Daniel Gaines of old Rhappahannock, Capt. John Scott of New Kent, Col. John Collier of King and Queen, Capt. John Scott of the Revolution and others.

Margaret Jordan was a young woman of great charm and personality and noted for her excellent disposition and gentle manner. She was pretty, yet not beautiful; but she was an interesting conversationalist and was blessed with a delightful sense of humor.

Dr. Smith possessed a quick Irish temper, which happily was of short duration. It was said that Margaret had only to lay her hand upon his arm at such times, when he became soothed and calmed as if by magic.

Margaret bore him twelve children, among them a pair of lovely twin daughters. She allowed him to name one of these for his college sweetheart, Mary, which proved conclusively the generous disposition of Margaret.

After his marriage, Dr. Smith's partnership with Dr. Earle was dissolved, and he spent much time taking lectures and practicing in the Charity Hospital in New Orleans to further fit himself for his profession. On his return, he opened his own offices in Elyton and continued in active practice until during the 1870s, after which time he engaged in mercantile, industrial and real estate activities.

Dr. Smith built for his wife, Margaret, a large twostoried house in Elyton of New England type, with red brick chimneys and interesting ells and porches. The residence was set in an extensive acreage, and surrounded by orchard, gardens, fields and farm buildings. It was an active, happy home, and no one suffered with ennui. Margaret was a great lover of roses, and an especial rose garden was made for her, which she and her young son, Tom—also a rose lover—tended with loving care.

As years went by, a small cottage, painted white, composed of two large bedrooms with a porch, was built on the front grounds as sleeping quarters for the six boys, so there would be more quietude in the home. A graveled walk connected this with the main house.

Dr. Smith was the typical village and country doctor. He practiced winter and summer East from Bucksville in Tuscaloosa County, south to the Cahaba River country, and North to and across the Warrior River, all the time on horseback.

Dr. Smith was of somewhat rugged character, but of aesthetic taste. He was a reader and a student of any subject which caught his interest. He was literary minded, and wrote with ease; many of his articles on medicine were published in Eastern journals and some may be found in old medical books. He liked to write, and had he not turned to medicine he would have been a writer. He loved books of all kinds, but especially the theoretical works of the masters, and books of science. Dr. Smith owned a fair collection of medical books for the times. On his retirement from practice, he made a gift of these to his nephew-in-law, Dr. Cunningham Wilson, of Birmingham. The latter on his retirement from practice presented his own medical library, including the Smith volumes, to the Medical Department of the Public Library of Birmingham.

Dr. Smith organized the first medical society in Birmingham, and refusing the presidency asked that his brother-in-law, Dr. Frank Prince, be elected, which was done.

A fine business acumen developed in Dr. Smith early, and he began looking to the future of his large family. He once said that the welfare of his family was his first

thought; after that, every dollar saved from his inheritance, or from his earnings, he laid aside to invest in land, for, after all, land was the foundation of many a man's fortune. By so doing, although he lived comfortably, never frugally, he became a wealthy man. He purchased with forethought, and much of his many acres accumulated, now lie within the corporate limits of the city of Birmingham. The rapid growth of this city caused his property to increase in value. At the time of his death he was the largest taxpayer in the county.

He was actively interested in all that pertained to the development of the city in which he lived, and was the promoter of several industrial enterprises.

All his life Dr. Smith was touched by the sufferings of others and gave liberally to charity. He donated the lot for the building of the first hospital in Birmingham, located in his subdivision Smithfield, and this, when sold, became the nucleus for the present Hillman Hospital. He also gave lots and buildings for the Joseph R. Smith Schools in Smithfield, one for white children, another for colored; and maintained these from his private funds.

Margaret, his first wife, died Jan. 28th, 1875. Two or three of their older children were married and Dr. Smith felt helpless in caring for the others. Miss Malinda Burrell, an old friend of the family, consented to come as housekeeper and governess to his brood.

One year later, in 1876, while on a business trip to Louisville, he learned that Mary Smithers, the sweetheart of his college days, had many years before surprised her numerous admirers by marrying a Methodist minister, Dr. T. J. Kilpatrick, and now, a middle-aged widow, was living in Lexington. The doctor lost no time in going to Lexington, where the two renewed their old associations, and he persuaded her to become his wife. And thus, in the sunset of his life he married Mary! Their marriage took place March 11th, 1876, in Louisville.

Mary Smithers was born in Georgetown, Ky., April 22nd, 1819. She married Dr. Kilpatrick in 1847. They lived in Western Tennessee and Northern Alabama. Dr. Kilpatrick died in 1864, and after his death she returned to Lexington. Thus she had been a widow eleven years. Dr. Smith purchased, as a wedding gift for his bride, a fine gold watch with long carved chain. The latter went about the neck, came down to the waist, and looped up to terminate with the watch in a small pocket in the bodice. On their arrival in Birmingham, he ordered for her a closed carriage and a pair of matching bays.

Dr. Smith gave Mary carte blanche in renovating the old house to suit her pleasure. Right away an addition was built on the East side which included a reception hall, and a very large parlor, with a fashionable octagon window, decorated by a wrought iron grill on the top. A guest room was added and an enlarged "company" dining room.

As Mary had been accustomed to white servants in Kentucky, these replaced the former cook and house maid. A professional German gardener, Mr. Koelenberg, took charge of the modern garden and grounds. Only Louis, the colored coachman, remained, together with old "Uncle Tobe," former gardener, who still lived on the place as a pensioner, and did light work occasionally "as the spirit moved him."

In the new parlor, on a polished table, lay a beautifully sculptured hand of white Parian marble mounted on a square of black Italian marble. This was modeled from the hand of Mary by one of her admirers, Joel T. Hart, poet-sculptor of Kentucky, who went to make his home in Italy. Mary's perfect ear was the model for those on Hart's fine statue of Venus in Venice in the City of Venice. After years of study abroad, Joel Hart idealized her features in his statue, "Woman Triumphant," which stood in the Court House in Lexington, Ky. Dr. and Mrs.

Smith went up for the unveiling. This beautiful statue was destroyed in a fire which burned the Fayette County Court House in 1897. Joel T. Hart died in Florence, Italy, March 2nd, 1877.

On a tract of Dr. Smith's land, between his residence and the City of Birmingham, was a densely wooded section of forty acres. This was cleared of undergrowth and enclosed by a high fence of heavy plank. Tanbark, or hard pressed roads of intricate design were built throughout, winding, curving, then a figure 8 and others leading around the park. Wild flowers and shrubs were planted for artistic effect, such as redwood, dogwood, magnolia, jasmine, oleander, etc. In the summer afternoons, Mary, with members of her family or friends, drove through this park. Often she would invite some hard-working, underprivileged woman to drive with her-oneone who had little time or opportunity to ride and rest. She was like that. After Mary's death, this park was cleared and made into an amusement park. Today, Smith's Park, or what was the park, is within the business district of the city.

Mary became an affectionate mother and grandmother to Dr. Smith's large family. She never dictated, only suggested, and was devoted to her young step-daughter, Irene.

She, like her husband, Dr. Smith, was a person of many charities, helping the poor and needy and educating deserving girls and boys. A man once remarked: "She was the most aristocratic woman I ever knew, and the kindest."

Mary died on Sunday night, at 9 o'clock, March 8th, 1896. She left, besides her husband and stepchildren, a son by her first marriage, Claud Kilpatrick of St. Louis, who married Dolly Liggett of the well-known chain drugstore family of that name, and two granddaughters.

After Mary's death, Dr. Smith refused to leave the old home, so his son, Col. Tom O. Smith, with his wife and young sons, came and made their home with him.

Dr. Smith enjoyed having as his guests his descendants, as many as possible each year on his birthday, Feb. 6th. Tables were laid in the large company dining room, one especially for the children. These were gay and festive occasions. There was always a bride, a groom, or a new baby to present to him—sometimes all three.

Dr. Smith was a well-known figure on the streets of Birmingham, singled out by his style of dress. From the '60s into the '90s he wore in winter a broadcloth suit, coat rather long, a high silk hat and carried an umbrella, rain or shine. In summer he exchanged this costume for a suit of white linen, a Panama hat and a gold-headed cane. In his late years he substituted in winter a plain cloth suit and a black fedora hat, but in summer his white outfit remained the same.

The many family stories concerning Dr. Smith and his life which have been handed down through the generations, would fill a volume of their own. Just one, relating to his years in the '60s, might be apropos here and of interest.

During the War of Secession, Dr. Smith, like most Southerners, secreted his food supplies as best he could, for there are raiders in all armies. There were so many in one Yankee division they were known as "Wilson's Raiders."

The old Huntsville Road ran through the present Avondale Park and down through Elyton.

One afternoon as Dr. Smith was resting out on his front porch, he looked up to see the road toward the North filled with Northern soldiers approaching. They were one section of Wilson's Raiders on their way to Selma. They were not a large, but an important section, as the General was at the head of the column.

The column stopped just above the house. The Doctor remained seated. The General and his orderly rode up to the gate. The General dismounted and entered the yard. Dr. Smith arose and met him at the top of the steps. They shook hands, introduced themselves, and the doctor invited the General to be seated. Conversation ensued, which became more and more interesting to each as time was passing.

Suddenly a frightened little negro came racing around the house. "Wall eyed" and almost breathless he cried, "Marse Joe! Marse Joe!! Dem yankees is done found us's meat, and dey's toten hit all off!" General Wilson arose quickly and summoned his orderly. He gave orders for officers to see that each soldier carry back and replace every article exactly where it was found. Reseated, the two resumed their conversation. After some time the orderly returned. The General took leave of the Doctor, thanked him for a pleasant interlude and the column passed on.

Years later, during the late '90s, when Dr. Smith was growing old and somewhat feeble, he began spending his winters in West Palm Beach, Fla. Palm Beach had not then been developed. Soon after his first arrival in Florida, Mr. William Whilden, the mayor of West Palm Beach, called upon him and made known the fact that he was the orderly or cavalryman who carried out Gen. Wilson's commands that day in the '60s. A friendship ensued that lasted through the years, and each winter when the Doctor arrived, his friend the Mayor was the first to greet him.

Dr. Smith died at his home, surrounded by his large family, on Wednesday, Aug. 30th, at 2:10 P.M., 1905, aged eighty-seven, weak in body but of clear mind. He lived a life of honor, generosity and sobriety, adhering to the Golden Rule in his dealings with his fellow men.

## WILL OF DR. JOSEPH RILEY SMITH

The will of Dr. Joseph R. Smith is in Will Book I, page 35, of the Court House. It is the longest will in the

Jefferson County Court House. It is very full, with many lengthy codicils, therefore, it will not be reproduced here. Only a brief abstract will be given.

Dr. Smith was the largest taxpayer in Jefferson County at the time of his death. The Will was signed April 25th, 1892, but was not probated until Sept. 21st, 1905. The administrators were his three eldest sons, Joseph R. Smith, Jr., Tom O. Smith and Charles J. Smith, without bond.

Dr. Smith had made generous advances to his heirs in the meantime. The Birmingham Trust & Savings Co. held his estate in trust for ten years after his death, when it was divided among his heirs. Smith Park, now city business property, was also held in trust for a number of years, as the bank had loaned money on vacant lots for the purpose of building business buildings, and when the last of these had been paid off, the amount was divided among the heirs.

His heirs were his four sons—Joseph R. Smith, Jr., Tom O. Smith, Charles J. Smith and William D. Smith, youngest and only living daughter, Irene Smith McDavid, wife of Robert P. McDavid, and three granddaughters, who had each lost a Smith parent when very young. Each of these stood in the place of her deceased parent as a full heir. These were Jordan Morrow Greene, wife of Judge Dan A. Greene; Mittie Owen McDavid, wife of Edmund R. McDavid, Sr., and Mary Lou Smith Browne, wife of Richard S. W. Browne.

Dr. Smith left thousands of dollars to Charitable Institutions, viz: The Mercy Home, Boys Industrial School, Hillman Hospital and St. Vincent's Hospital. His private charities were many.

CHILDREN OF DR. JOSEPH RILEY SMITH and MARGARET HARVIE JORDAN, His First Wife

A. Lucy Gray Smith, b, Jan. 20th, 1845; d, July 27th, 1858.

- B. Mortimer Jordan Smith, b, Feb. 13th, 1847; d, Feb. 14th, 1860.
- C. Mary Ella Smith, b, Feb. 14th, 1849; d, April 16th, 1873; m, Dr. George M. Morrow (first wife).
- D. Sarah Emma Smith, b, Feb. 14th, 1849; d, Feb. 5th, 1874; m, Rose Wellington Owen (first wife).
- E. Martha Prince Smith, b, Sept. 29th, 1853; d, Sept. 9th, 1856.
- F. Joseph Riley Smith, Jr., b, Feb. 23rd, 1856; d, Nov. 19th, 1925; m, first, Kate Molton; m, second, Minnie Gray Voltz.
- G. John Fleming Smith, b, Sept. 27th, 1857; d, Aug. 2nd, 1884; m, Louise Lide.
- H. Thomas Octavius Smith, b, Aug. 21st, 1859; d, Sept. ...., 1925; m, Cornelia Hubbert.
- I. Charles Jordan Smith, b, Oct. 18th, 1861; d, June ..., 1925; m, Annie Molton.
- J. Maria Agnes Smith, b, June 2nd, 1864; d, Oct. 11th, 1871.
- K. William David Smith, b, Feb. 18th, 1867; d, April 20th, 1932; m, first, Daisy Weller; m, second, Mary Chollett Berney.
- L. Virginia Irene Smith, b, Aug. 3rd, 1870; d, Dec. 3rd, 1916; m, Robert Patton McDavid.

The lives of those who lived to maturity and married will be taken up and run to the present.

C. Mary Ella Smith, one of the beautiful twin daughters of Dr. Joseph R. Smith and his first wife, Margaret Harvie Jordan, was b, in Elyton, Jefferson County, Alabama, Feb. 14th, 1849; d, April 16th, 1873; m (first wife), Dr. George Milburn Morrow, who was b, in Elyton, Jefferson County, Aug. 20th, 1846; d, in Birmingham, Wednesday, May, 1928. He was the son of Margaret Holmes and Hugh Morrow II. The latter came to Jefferson County early in its history. Dr.

Morrow's grandparents were John Morrow, a hero of the Revolution in South Carolina, and his wife, Sarah Calhoun, moved to Kentucky, thence to Tennessee. Dr. Morrow's father was named for his uncle, Hugh Morrow, Revolutionary soldier, who is buried in Jefferson County, Alabama.

Dr. Morrow's parents moved from old Elyton to their plantation at Trussville in 1858, where they reared a family of thirteen children, twelve of whom lived to maturity.

Dr. Morrow enlisted in the Confederate Army at the age of 16 years as a member of Co. F, 18th Alabama Cavalry, under command of Col. L. B. Musgrove. He was later transferred to Gen. Joe Wheeler's Brigade, and promoted to First Lieutenant. He was in the battles of Nashville and Franklin.

When he returned he read medicine with Dr. Joseph R. Smith in Elyton, then attended medical college in Cincinnati, graduating in 1868. He practiced in Jefferson County several years, but changed to Pharmacy and founded one of the oldest wholesale and retail drug firms in the City of Birmingham. He had many interests: a large farm, mining, a director of banks and was a politician. He served as City Alderman and was Sheriff of Jefferson County from 1892 to 1896. He was also a Mason, a past Grand Master of the Alabama Order.

Ella Smith, his wife, was, like her sister, a belle and beauty of the county. The twins were strikingly alike, except that Emma was vivacious and Ella demure, although she was as talkative. They were small in size, were talented in art and music; were fond of dancing and were splendid horsewomen.

Mary Ella Smith and Dr. George M. Morrow had issue: a, b and c. The first two died in infancy.

c. Margaret Jordan Morrow, b, Aug. 11th, 1870; m, May 6th, 1890, Judge Daniel Arthur Greene, who was b, in Opelika, Ala., Aug. 8th, 1863; d, June 16th, 1923. He was the son of Rinaldo McKeen Greene (he b, Aug. 12th, 1837; d, Dec. 27th, 1907), who was Captain of the 6th Alabama Regiment in Virginia, Confederate Army; and his wife, Martha Ann Bullard (b, Aug. 7th; d, Nov. 19th, 1919; m, by the Rev. W. B. Neal, May 29th, 1860).

Judge Greene's mother was a sister of Major General Robert E. Lee Bullard of World War I.

Judge Dan Greene was a graduate of Emory College, Oxford, Ga., second high honor man; bachelor of arts, 1884. He was a graduate of the University of Alabama, with degree of bachelor of laws and winner of orator's prize for legal essay, 1886.

He was Chairman of the County Democratic Campaign Committee, also including the campaign committee for U. S. Senator John T. Morgan, 1900.

Judge Greene was a man of brilliant mind and prominent politically and socially. He was many times a member of the State Legislature, Presiding Judge of the Tenth Judicial Court, Judge of the Criminal Court of Jefferson County and a Mason of High Order. His wife, Jordan Morrow, was a graduate of the Hill School in Tuscaloosa, and was proficient in music and art. This school was known as The Tuscaloosa Female College, which the daughters of many prominent families attended at that time. She has traveled extensively both in this and foreign countries.

Margaret Jordan Morrow and Judge Dan'l A. Greene had issue:

(a) Mary George Greene, a beautiful young girl;

- d, in girlhood. She was b, Nov. 29th, 1891; d, June, 1917.
- (b) Susan Morrow Greene, b, Nov. 25th, 1896; m, Nov. 2nd, 1921, Leon Crumpton Bradley, attorney, editor and journalist; one-time manager of the Birmingham office, International News Service. He was b, Nov. 3d, 1889, at Perryville, Alabama, son of the Rev. Leonidas Milton Bradley and Martha Aycock, his wife, who were m, in Perryville, Nov. 14th, 1888.

Leon Bradley is a graduate A.B. of Howard College, 1908; law student at the University of Alabama; and studied special courses abroad at the University of Poitiers in France. He was in France before and during World War I, attached to the French, British and Canadian forces for instruction and observation purposes. He then entered the U. S. Army, 137th Infantry, 35th Division, and saw service in the Battles of St. Mihiel, the Meuse-Argonne and in the Vosges mountains of Alsace, and Somme Dieu sector near Verdun.

After the war he served as Colonel on the staff of Gov. Kilby of Alabama and also as his private secretary.

After some years he and Susie Greene were divorced. She resides in Washington, he in Selma, Ala. Their issue:

1. Dan Greene Bradley, b, Nov. 2nd, 1922. He lives with his mother in Washington. He is a student at George Washington University during hours of the day when not on duty as page to Senator Ferguson. He was page to U. S. Senator John H. Bankhead for several years until the latter's death.

(c) Margaret Jordan Greene, b, Dec. 7, 1905; m, July 28th, 1928, Edward Gideon Holtam, Jr., artist and illustrator, who was b, Nov. 30, 1906, the son of Emma Louise Monroe (first wife) and Edward Gideon Holtam, editor and civic worker, and member of the Alabama State Board of Missions. Ed Holtam, Jr's., grandparents were Georgians.

The battle of Resarka, so vividly described by Margaret Mitchell in her book, "Gone With the Wind," was fought on the plantation of Ed, Jr's., great grandfather, not far from Columbus, Georgia.

Margaret Greene and Edward Holtam, Jr., have two sons:

- 1. Edward Gideon Holtam III, literary and artistic, b, Nov. 17th, 1929. Now a student at Vanderbilt University.
- 2. Jordan Greene Holtam, a high school student, b, Sept. 13th, 1932. He too is talented in art.
- D. Sarah Emma Smith, one of the beautiful twin daughters of Dr. Joseph R. Smith and his first wife, Margaret Harvie Jordan, was b, Feb. 14th, 1849, at the home in Elyton. The twins were a delightful Valentine gift to Dr. Smith, of which he was always exceedingly proud. They were christened in the old St. John's congregation at Elyton April 13th, 1856, by the Rev. R. D. Nevins, Episcopal Rector of Christ Church, Tuscaloosa. Their sponsors were Mrs. William Mudd, Mrs. Nathaniel Hawkins, T. W. Earle and Dr. Nathaniel Hawkins.

This oldest Episcopal group in the county had not yet built their church, but worshipped in the old Academy, or in the Court House in Elyton as the visiting Rectors came to them from other sections.

The twins, Sarah Emma and Mary Ella, were of small size but of perfect figure, and exquisite coloring—brown hair, deep blue eyes and fair of skin. It is needless to say they were very popular.

They were educated at a fashionable girls' school of the day at Tuscaloosa, Emma going back one more

year after her twin, Ella, had married.

Sarah Emma Smith was married May 15th, 1872, by the Rev. Tom P. Roberts at the home of her parents in Elyton, to Rose Wellington Owen (first wife), a cultured gentleman and a descendant of pioneers. He was b, Nov. 7th, 1848, in Jefferson County; d, at his home in Owenton (Birmingham), Jan. 28th, 1912. He was the son of Thomas Hennington Owen, a prominent planter, County Commissioner, Justice and Merchant, and his first wife, Melissa Rose Sadler. The parents of these latter two emigrated from South and North Carolina to Jefferson County in 1816. These families of Owen, Rose and Sadler were originally Virginians, the Owen family from Prince George County, the Sadlers and Roses from Brunswick.

Rose Wellington Owen was educated at the University of Alabama, entering at the age of fifteen. During his second year, at the age of sixteen, he volunteered in the Confederate Army with the Alabama Corps of Cadets—permit granted by Gov. Watts—and remained until the war closed. On his return, he assisted his father in bringing order out of chaos on his plantation, then became a merchant and postmaster at New Jonesboro. Some years later he went into partnership with Col. Peyton G. King as land agent and broker in the City of Birmingham, with residence in Elyton.

He afterwards built his Colonial home in his subdivision, Owenton (now in Birmingham). He was a County Commissioner. Being an ardent Methodist, he was a steward in that church all of his life. He was one of the founders of Owenton College. He made the first voluntary gift for this purpose—fifteen acres of his land on the hilltop for a foundation; and furthermore obtained subscriptions of land from neighbors and friends, until the whole added to his own gift, amounted to 100 acres. This, on the provision that the College would be located in Birmingham.

The first building erected on the campus was named "Owen Hall" in his honor. As the years went by, the name of the College was changed to Birmingham College in order to localize it; and still later to Birmingham-Southern, as old Southern University at Greensboro was brought up and consolidated with it.

Mr. Owen was much interested in the mineral development of the region and owned and sold to the Tennessee Coal & Iron Co. some of its most valuable land.

Mrs. Sarah Emma Smith Owen, d, Feb. 5th, 1874, two years after her marriage. During the following years Mr. Owen was married twice. Sarah Emma and Rose Wellington had only one child:

a. Mittie Rose Owen, author, artist, historian and feature writer. b, March 21st, 1873; m, June 30th, 1891, Edmund Richardson McDavid, afterwards Secretary of State of Alabama. He was b, in Huntsville, Madison County, Alabama, Feb. 2nd, 1870, the son of John Jackson McDavid, Attorney, Editor and Confederate soldier; member 35th Alabama Regiment; was b, in Madison County, Alabama, Feb. 21st, 1832; d, in Birmingham, Thursday, Nov. 8th, 1906, and his wife, Marie (pronounced Mary), Jane Patton, who was b, March 20th, 1840, at Sweet Water, near Florence, Ala.; d, at Florence Sunday, March 25th, 1925, the plantation home of

her parents, Governor Robert Miller Patton and his wife, Jane Brahan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McDavid were married Feb. 21st, 1861. They made their home until their children were nearly grown in Huntsville. The J. J. McDavids moved to Birmingham in 1886. He was twice Mayor of the town of Highland, now a part of Birmingham.

E. R. McDavid was educated in Bingham School, N. C., and the University of Alabama. He is a descendant of Colonial and Revolutionary ancestors, namely, Col. Robert Weakley, one of the founders of Nashville, Tenn., who was a Captain in the Revolutionary War and a Colonel in the Indian War, and of Mathew Looke, patriot of North Carolina.

## Four children:

(a) Rose Owen McDavid, born Feb. 24th, 1893. She was educated at Sweet Briar College in Virginia, and Washington College, Washington, D. C., and has traveled abroad. She married Nov. 7th, 1916, Leonidas Poyntz Munger, who was born in Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 15th, 1891, the son of Mary Collett of Austin, Texas, and Robert Sylvester Munger of Mexia, Texas. They moved to Birmingham about 1890, where they spent the rest of their lives.

Robert Sylvester Munger was a philanthropist, an inventor and a manufacturer. Among his inventions, in fact the greatest, is one known as the "Munger System" of gin machinery, the first of its kind, which won many medals. He may be found in "Who's Who" and the Encyclopedia of American Biography.

Leonidas Poyntz Munger was educated at Alabama Polytechnic Institute and Birmingham-Southern College. He is a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He volunteered in Naval Aviation in World War I, training in Boston. He is on the Board of Trustees of Birmingham-Southern College. He is a member of the Redstone Club and Birmingham Country Club and is interested in sports, having won a number of trophies.

Rose Owen McDavid and Lonnie P. Munger have issue:

- 1. Jack McDavid Munger, born Aug. 5th, 1917. He was educated at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, member of the S. A. E. fraternity. He served in the Army Air Transport Command for two years in World War II. Jack married Mary Kennon Gannon of Montgomery, Ala. She is the daughter of Lucy McGhee and Robert R. Gannon. Mary was educated at Arlington Hall in Washington, D. C. She is a descendant of the Bolling, Kennon and Fleming families of Virginia. She is a member of the Ballerina Club and Junior League. Mary and Jack have issue:
  - (1) Mary Kennon Munger, born June 19th, 1942.
  - (2) Jack McDavid Munger, Jr., b, Sept. 15, 1944.
- 2. Leonidas (Lonnie) P. Munger, Jr., born Oct. 23rd, 1924. He was educated at Alabama Polytechnic Institute in Electrical Engineering, a member of the S. A. E. fraternity. Lonnie served two years with the U. S. Army in the Pacific in the 503 Port Battalion in World War II. One year in New Guinea and one year in the Philippines, being in the invasion of Leyte. He married

Sept. 6th, 1947, Ann Rogers Newell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Kirk Newell of Birmingham, Ala. Ann was educated at Birmingham-Southern, a member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority. Her mother was Ruby Rogers of Georgia, an accomplished musician.

- 3. Edmund Richardson Munger, born Feb. 24th, 1927. He finished Ramsay High School in Birmingham, Ala., and attended Alabama Polytechnic Institute, where he was a pledge of the S. A. E. fraternity. Ed served one year with the U. S. Army Corps in Iceland in World War II.
- (b) Edmund Richardson McDavid, Jr., son of Mittie Owen and Edmund (Ned) Richardson McDavid, Sr., was born March 4th, 1898; married June 22nd, 1921, to Frances Lee Harris, who was born June 13th, 1901, the daughter of Helen Lee Leonard and Eugene Harris, formerly of Tennessee. Frances' father died early and her mother later married Col. Truman H. Aldrich, former Ü. S. Congressman and also Postmaster of Birmingham, Ala. He was a Civil Engineer and Minerologist. In his old age occupied a chair of Minerology at the University of Alabama and gave to the institution his fine library as well as a valuable collection of minerals and shells.

Edmund McDavid, Jr., was educated at Birmingham-Southern College, Marion Military Institute and Virginia Military Institute. Member of the football team at all three colleges. He volunteered in World War I. A broken shoulder delayed his training before the Armistice was signed.

Frances, his wife, is a descendant of the Lee family of Virginia (Ditchley branch), descending from Hancock Lee and Richard Lee III. Edmund and Frances have issue:

1. Frances Lee McDavid, born Jan. 20th, 1922. She married July 20, 1940, Charles Galliard Haynsworth, son of Jeanette Kidd and Charles G. Haynsworth, the latter formerly of South Carolina, and was a member of the St. Cecelia Society. Charles, Jr., is a grandson of Olivia Marie Brennan and Aubry Lee Kidd, formerly of Birmingham, now of Daytona Beach, Fla. He served two years in the Navy as a Lieutenant on a P. T. boat with 33rd and 8th Squadron in World War II. He graduated at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, a member of the football team and member of Sigma Nu fraternity.

Frances graduated at Miss Howard School in Birmingham, Ala., and is a member of the Junior League and Women's Civic Club.

Frances and Charles have issue:

- (1) Charles Kidd Haynsworth, born Feb. 3rd, 1943.
- (2) Constance (Connie) McDavid Haynsworth, born April 25th, 1946.
- 2. Edmund Richardson McDavid, son of Edmund R. McDavid, Jr., and Frances Lee Harris, was born May 23rd, 1924. He graduated at Ramsay High School. He was in the U. S. Army (503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment) and fought at Corregidor in the Pacific. He was wounded by a boulder when the Japs mined and blew up the mountain

- side. He received the Purple Heart and other medals.
- 3. Mitylene (Mitzie) Owen McDavid was born Sept. 3rd, 1929, youngest child of Edmund, Jr., and Frances, was educated at Ramsay High School and is a member of the Holiday Assembly and Alpha Delta Psi Sorority.
- (c) John Jackson McDavid, youngest son of Mittie Owen and Edmund (Ned) R. McDavid, Sr., is named for his paternal grandfather. Jack was born in Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 3rd, 1900. He married Oct. 2nd, 1920, his third cousin, Martha Gaines Prince, daughter of Mary Ray and Francis (Frank) Marion Prince, Jr. Martha was born Feb. 12th, 1901. Jack was educated at Birmingham-Southern College and Sewanee Military Academy. He was a member of the football team at the latter. Martha was a graduate of Nazareth Academy, Kentucky. She is a descendant of the Prince, Haywood, Crawford and Calhoun families of North and South Carolina, and of Major Andrew Hamilton of the Revolution in South Carolina. She has the same line of ancestry as her husband in Virginia-Jordan, Gaines, Harvie, Scott, and Collier. Martha and Jack have issue, three sons:
  - 1. John Jackson McDavid, Jr., b, Aug. 10th, 1921. He graduated in Engineering at Vanderbilt University in 1947. In World War II he served with the 9th Air Force (334th Engineers) in England, Normandy and Belgium. Later assigned to Patton's Army in France, then to Battle School at Fontainbleu, France, becoming a Lieutenant in the

336th Infantry, 87th Division of the 3rd Army. He was married Aug. 6, 1946, to Alice Harper Parker of Farmville, N. C., daughter of Alice Harper and James Warren Parker. She is a descendant of the Harpers of Harpers Ferry, Va.; the Suggs family of North Carolina. Alice was born Jan. 5th, 1925. She graduated from Greensboro College in North Carolina. She is an accomplished musician, outstanding student and mentioned in "Who's Who in American Colleges."

- 2. Francis Prince McDavid, second son of Martha Prince and Jack McDavid, was born May 27th, 1925. Educated at Wake Forest, Birmingham-Southern and Sewanee. Member S. A. E. fraternity. He was not accepted in the Armed Forces because of ear trouble. He served in Merchant Marine for two years in both Atlantic and Pacific.
- 3. Charles DeBardeleben McDavid, born Sept. 10th, 1927. Attended Gulf Coast Military Academy in Mississippi and Ramsay High School in Birmingham, Ala. Served in Army of Occupation (15th Constabulary Regiment) for year and a half in Stuttgart, Germany, in World War II. He will enter Sewanee in 1948. All three of Jack and Martha's sons played high school football and College scholarship football.
- (d) Mitylene Jordan McDavid, youngest child of Mittie Owen and E. R. McDavid, was born Jan. 7th, 1904, in Montgomery, Ala. She was educated at St. Mary's on the Hudson, New York, and Gunstan Hall in Washington, D. C.

Married Sept. 20th, 1925, George L. Paxton, Jr., of Texas, a graduate of Yale, whom she met while traveling in Switzerland. After thirteen years Mitylene and George were divorced. He later became one of General Chennault's famous Flying Tigers in China.

Mitylene married second time Roy Edward Gridley, investment banker and broker of Birmingham, Ala. Roy was in the Navy in World War I, a gunner on a battleship. Mitylene died soon after her second marriage. Her death occurred June 13th, 1938. Roy died Dec. 22nd, 1940.

C. Joseph Riley Smith, Jr., son of Dr. Joseph R. Smith and first wife, Margaret Harvie Jordan, was b, in Elyton Feb. 23rd, 1856; d, Nov. 19th, 1925; m, first wife, Kate Julia Molton, who was b, in Montgomery County, Alabama, March 4th, 1859; d, in Birmingham Aug. 31st, 1907; the daughter of Marshall Harris Molton (who was b, in Montgomery County, Alabama, Dec. 13th, 1835; d, Dec. 24th, 1915 in Birmingham), and his wife, Julia Tombs Dubose.

Kate Molton was the granddaughter of Maj. Thomas Molton, U. S. Congressman, and his wife, Catherine Ann Hooks, daughter of Hon. Charles Hooks, congressman from North Carolina. Major Thomas Molton was the son of John Molton and Miss James of North Carolina, and grandson of Maj. Abraham Molton of the American Revolution. (See Molton Family and Kinsmen by Thomas H. Molton, pg. 13.)

Mrs. Kate Molton Smith was a gracious and charming woman of happy, laughing disposition, and a favorite in society. Their home was a mecca for young people. The old saying, "There never was a cross word in this house," was literally true.

Joseph R. Smith, Jr., m, second, Minnie Gray Voltz, a lovely woman and a friend of his first wife. She was b, Nov. 16th, 1870; d, Oct. 1st, 1930. She was the daughter of John Wesley Voltz (he b, April 29th, 1836, at Clifton, Ala.; d, Nov. 6th, 1896) and his wife, Eleanor Trippe Dansby (she b, Sept. 16th, 1844; d, Jan. 18th, 1919) at McKinly, Ala. John Wesley Voltz was Captain of Co. C, 3rd Alabama Cavalry, Confederate War. His father came from Germany to America. The Dansbys were from North Carolina.

Joseph R. Smith, Jr., and his brother, Charles, were industrialists. They owned and operated several iron ore mines in Jefferson County.

After many years these interests were sold to the Tennessee Coal & Iron Co. and Joseph and his second wife, Minnie Gray, moved to their beautiful stock farm in Tennessee, near Franklin, where they both lived and died. Issue of Joseph R. Smith, Jr., and Kate Molton:

a. Margaret Julia Smith, b, Jan. 18th, 1877, was educated at the Van Norman School in New York; m, June 9th, 1897, Hugh Morrow, attorney, now called Senior, but who is really the third of the name in Jefferson County. He was b, May 19th, 1873, in Birmingham, son of the late Probate Judge John Calhoun Morrow, and his wife, Mary Antoinette Walker, who was the daughter of Corilla Porter and William Alfred Walker, Sr., pioneers to the county. Hugh is also descended from John Morrow, Revolutionary soldier of South Carolina. Hugh is a graduate of the University of Alabama, A.B., A.M. and LL.B., and was a member of the football team, and of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. He began his law practice in Birmingham in 1894 and became assistant Solicitor of Jefferson County in 1900. He was a member of the State

Legislature and State Senate. He is a fluent and magnetic speaker. He has been President of the Sloss Sheffield Steel & Iron Co. for many years.

Margaret Smith and Hugh Morrow had six chil-

dren:

- (a) Katherine Morrow, b, Oct. 15th, 1898. She was educated at Dana Hall, Boston and member of Junior League, president for two years; m, Feb. 24th, 1922, Owen Garside Gresham, Attorney, son of Mary Graham and Edward E. Gresham of Prattville, Ala. Owen is a graduate of the University of Alabama School of Law, 1911; President of the Senior Class. He also was a football star and Captain of the team in 1911. He is ex-President of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He is active in civic and social affairs of the city, and is a former President of the Birmingham Country Club. Many years after marriage Katherine and Owen Gresham were divorced and she went to live in New York. Here she married second, Mr. Baldwin. She died July 9th, 1943. Katherine and Owen Gresham had an only daughter:
  - 1. Margaret Morrow Gresham, b, Aug. 16th, 1924. She is a graduate of the Baldwin School, Byrn Mawr, Pa., and of Vassar College. She received her master degree from the University of Alabama, where she was affiliated with Kappa Delta Sorority. She made her debut as a member of the Debutante Club in 1946 and was Christmas Carnival Queen same year. She is also a member of the Spinsters Cotillion Club and was presented by Redstone Club; member of Vassar Clubs of Birmingham and New York and member of Junior League.

Margaret Gresham m, July 16th, 1947, James Archibald Livingston, Jr., who was b, Aug. 8th, 1918, son of Dr. and Mrs. James A. Livingston of Birmingham.

James, Jr., received his A.B. degree and his Master of Arts degree cum laude from the University of Michigan. There he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. He is a fellow in the Actuarial Society of America. Issue, dau. born 1948.

(b) Mamie Morrow, b, Nov. 28th, 1901; m, Dec. 22nd, 1923, David Newton Kennedy Plunkett, who was b, Sept. 8th, 1895, son of Fannie Kennedy and the Rev. John Thomas Plunkett.

Mamie received her education at the National Cathedral, Washington, D. C.; Kennedy at the University of Alabama, a member of S.A.E. fraternity. He was in World War I four years, going over in 1917 with 1st Battalion Headquarters Field Artillery, which was the first division to enter France. He was in the famous Battles of Meuse and of Argonne and others. He was later made Regimental Communications Officer, then Intelligence Officer and received the Purple Heart and the French Croix de Guerre.

Before World War I he was a member of the Alabama National Guard and saw service on the Mexican border in 1916.

His maternal grandfather, David Newton Kennedy, was a state representative in Tennessee, and Chairman of Finance, and later Chairman of Military Affairs, member of the Treasury Department, appointed by President Jefferson Davis, and was also a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1870, which formed the State Constitution.

Mamie Smith and Kennedy Plunkett had issue:

1. Margaret (Peggy) Plunkett, b, Nov. 13th, 1924. She was educated at Holton Arms in Washington, D. C., is a member of the Junior League. Married Henry L. Badham III from Birmingham, Ala.

Mamie Morrow Plunkett lives in New York. She is consultant for the Junior League of America with headquarters at the Waldorf-Astoria.

(c) Margaret Smith Morrow, b, March 6th, 1903; m, April 17th, 1923, Benjamine Paine Anderson, b, Feb. 11th, 1899, son of Maj. Frank Yarbrough Anderson, attorney of Birmingham, and Lucy Winston Paine of the noted Winston and Paine families of Virginia. Lucy Paine Anderson was the daughter of Maria Evelyn Winston and Dr. Benjamine Paine of Valley Head, Ala., and granddaughter of William Overton Winston, member of the General Assembly of Alabama and promoter and President of the old Will's Valley Railroad, now the Alabama Great Southern.

Major Anderson's title was one of courtesy. When he was a young man, he attended one evening the theatre in Washington and was a witness to the assassination of President Lincoln.

Ben P. Anderson was educated at the University of Alabama, from which institution he left to join the Navy in World War I. He was fond of sports and had already made his letter in basketball.

Margaret Smith Morrow, his wife, was educated at the National Cathedral in Washington, D. C.

Their children are:

1. Margaret Morrow Anderson, b, April 7th, 1924. She is a graduate, 1944, of the University of Alabama, of the Commerce School, B.S., Beta Gamma Sigma; made debut in 1945; presented by Redstone Club. Member of the Kappa Delta Society.

During World War II she served as nurses aid at Northington General Hospital. Married April 12th, 1946, Buford Harrison Morris of Knoxville, Tenn.

- 2. Libby Anderson, b, Aug. 2nd, 1925, was graduated at the University of Alabama, 1946, B.S., Commerce School; Beta Gamma Sigma. First girl elected President of the student body. Received Austen cup for outstanding work, and as an "all-around" student. Kappa Delta Society. She is a member of the Junior League and the Spinsters Club. Was presented by the Redstone Club in 1946. At present secretary to Alabama congressman Laurie Battle.
- (d) Annie Louise Morrow, b, March 10th, 1905. She attended the National Cathedral School, Washington, D. C., and Glen Eden, Stamford, Conn. She is a member of the Junior League. She married Walker Percy Badham of Birmingham, son of Henry Badham, Sr., and his wife, Helen Terry. He was b, Aug. 10th, 1903, at Morris, Ala., but reared in Birmingham. He was educated at Webb School, Belle Buckle, Tenn.; Augusta Military Academy at Stanton, W. Va., and Lawrenceville, Trenton, N. J.

He is a member of the Pendennis Club and the Society of Colonial Wars.

Annie Louise and Percy live in Prospect, Ky. They have two children:

- 1. Walker Percy Badham, Jr., b, Aug. 6th, 1923, in Birmingham, Ala. Was educated at Center College, Danville, Ky.; University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va.; member of D. K. E. Fraternity. He served three years in Air Force, Gunner on B-24 in Africa and Italy as Sergeant.
- 2. Hugh Morrow Badham, b, July 28th, 1927, attended Webb School, Tennessee; University of Kentucky at Lexington, Ky., and the University of Virginia, Charlottesville. Served in Navy 18 months in World War II, Pacific Theatre, U. S. S. Procyon.
- 3. Annie Louise Badham, b, March 12th, 1925. She was educated at the University of Louisville. Member of the Phi Beta Phi Sorority and of the Junior League. She was married April 24, 1943, to James Henry Clarke of Louisville, Ky. Their issue:
  - (1) Annie Percy Clarke, b, Aug. 14, 1946.
  - (2) James Henry Clarke, Jr., b, Oct. 14, 1947.
- (e) Hugh Morrow, Jr., b, Dec. 28, 1908; graduated from Phillips High School, Birmingham. Attended Virginia Military Institute; graduated from the University of Alabama, member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

He married Dorothy Thomas Dec. 28, 1928, the daughter of Ella Mae Gardner and Darius Arden Thomas. Dorothy was b, April 2nd, 1907, attended Phillips High School, where her sorority was Theta Kappa Delta. She next

attended Birmingham-Southern College. She is a member of the Junior League and of the Spinsters Cotillion Club.

Hugh, Jr., and Dorothy have two children:

- 1. Gardner Morrow, b, Feb. 22, 1930. Graduated from Ramsay High School; her sorority Theta Kappa Delta. She is now attending Junior College in Middlebrook, N. Y.
- 2. Hugh Morrow III, b, Nov. 28, 1932. Is now at Ramsay High School.
- (f) Libby Morrow, b, May 11th, 1910, received her education at Ashly Hall, prep school in Charleston, S. C., then to Dwight School in Englewood, N. J., and from there to Smith College in Northampton, Mass.

She was m, June 18th, 1930, to Andrew Kaul III of Kaulwald, St. Mary's, Pa. He was b, July 4th, 1907, son of Frank A. Kaul and Jane Mattison of Pennsylvania, and grandson of Andrew Kaul, Sr., lumber manufacturer and coal mine owner and operator of Pennsylvania, and his wife, Waulburger Lauzel, daughter of Michael Lauzel of Bavaria. Andrew Kaul III is a great-grandson of John Kaul, who came to America from Bavaria, Germany, about 1840 and settled at St. Mary's, Elk County, Pennsylvania.

Andrew Kaul III was educated at the Pennsylvania Charter School in Philadelphia, the Hill School at Pottsdam, Pa.; Yale (Sheffield Scientific School), New Haven, Conn., and Harvard Business School, Cambridge, Mass.

Andrew was exempted from the draft of World War II at the request of his companies, as he was engaged in most essential war work. He is President of Speer Carbon Company and

Speer Resistor Co. of St. Mary; President of International Graphite and Electrode Corp. of Niagara Falls, N. Y., and of Toronto, Canada; President of the Speer Carbon Purxytawry plant (batteries) in Pennsylvania.

Their children:

- 1. Andrew Kaul IV, b, Nov. 10th, 1932. He attends the Hill School in Pottstown, Pa.
- 2. Jane Kaul, b, April 25th, 1940.
- b. Joseph Molton Smith, coal mine owner and operator, eldest son of Joseph R. Smith, Jr., and Kate Molton, was born Sept. 23rd, 1878; d, April 21st, 1935; m, Jan. 5th, 1906, Elizabeth (Bessie) Murphree, daughter of Lela Wilkerson and James Murphree, banker of Troy, Ala.

Elizabeth Murphree Smith was b, in Troy, Jan. 31st, 1888. She was educated at Cox College, College Park, Ga. She is a brilliant pianist, having studied with famous teachers.

J. Molton Smith received his education at the University of Alabama. Bessie's family on both sides were representative in their community, socially, and in law, politics, banking, and in education. They were literary, musical and otherwise aesthetic. This family produced a Governor to the state—Gov. Henderson.

Joseph Molton Smith and Bessie Murphree had issue:

(a) Joseph Molton Smith, Jr., also coal mine owner and operator, was b, in Birmingham, Oct. 11th, 1907; m, Norma Elizabeth Bogar of Houston, Texas, the daughter of Mary Susan Callahan and Fred Albert Bogar.

The romance of J. Molton Smith, Jr., and Norma Bogar began at the University of Alawhere they were both completing their educations. They have issue:

- 1. J. Molton Smith III.
- 2. Fred Bogar Smith.
- 3. Norma Elizabeth Smith.
- 4. Temple Charles Smith.
- (b) Margaret Smith, b, July 30th, 1909; m, Edward Lawrence Donaldson of Franklin, Tenn.

Margaret was educated at Dana Hall, Boston, and Smith College, Northampton, Mass. She is fond of sports and was both a golf and bridge champion. She is a member of the Junior League, Debutante Club and Spinsters Club. She and Lawrence Donaldson now live in new Orleans. They have issue:

- 1. Edward Lawrence Donaldson, Jr.
- 2. Frank Ewing Donaldson.
- c. Annie Smith, daughter of Joseph R. Smith, Jr., and Kate Molton, was b, Dec. 12th, 1880; was educated at the Gardner School, New York. She was m, Jan. 8th, 1902, to Calvin Jones, who was b, Aug. 11th, 1874; d, Feb. 24th, 1940. He was a wealthy mine owner and operator of Birmingham. He was of an old and aristocratic South Alabama family. He was the son of Alexander Williamson Jones, M.D., a famous surgeon of the Confederacy, and Augusta Walthall Carlisle of *Kenworthy Hall* plantation in Perry County. Annie and Calvin Jones had issue:
  - (a) Josephine Molton Jones, b, March 31st, 1903, member of the Debutante Club, Spinsters Club and the Junior League of Birmingham, and a graduate of the National Cathedral, Washington. She m, Dec. 9th, 1925, Evans Johnson Dunn, Jr., son of Ida Desheill and Evans Johnson Dunn, a descendant of the Ransomes, Robertsons and Bollings of Virginia. He also has

an unusual list of Colonial and Revolutionary lineage, some of which will be given here for the sake of descendants.

Through his mother and his two grand-mothers his lineage goes back through James Ransome of the House of Burgesses in Virginia; Col. William Ransome Johnson, member of the Virginia House of Delegates, also State Senator; Dr. George Evans, Surgeon in the Revolution; Col. Evans Evans of the Battle of Trenton, and member of the first Constitutional convention of Pennsylvania; John Evans, Jr., member of Colonial Assembly of Pennsylvania, and Thos. Rowan Dashiell, Captain in Confederate Army.

Evans Dunn, Jr., enlisted in World War I and was commissioned Lieutenant in First Officers Division, and went to France with the First Expeditionary Forces in 1917; was with the Sixth Field Artillery, 1st Division; fought at Cantigny, St. Mihiel and Argonne, and, finally stationed in Army of Occupation in Germany. He was cited for bravery.

Josephine and Evans Dunn, Jr., had issue:

- 1. Josephine Ann (Joanna) Dunn, now in college.
- 2. Evans Dunn, III.
- (b) Calvin Jones, Jr., coal mine owner and operator; m, Elizabeth Cardwell Nov. 10th, 1941. Calvin, Jr., was a member of the Armed Forces in World War II. Their issue:
  - 1. Calvin Jones III.
  - 2. Joseph Cardwell Jones.
- (c) Kate Molton Jones, b, Jan. 8th, 1914, member of the Debutante Club, Junior League and the Spinsters Club; graduate of the National Ca-

thedral at Washington; enlisted in the Red Cross, World War II. Spent one year in Switzerland. Unmarried.

d. Henley Jordan Smith, youngest son of Joseph R. Smith, Jr., and first wife, Kate Molton, was b, in Birmingham Oct. 19th, 1885. He was educated at Bingham School, North Carolina, and at the University of Alabama, where he was an A. T. O. He m, April 16th, 1919, to Selina Robinson, who was b, Sept. 29th, 1895, daughter of Pattie Perry and James Robinson, an industrialist. She is the grand-daughter of the late Dr. Samuel Perry, a beloved physician, and his wife, the late Selina Watkins Jones, formerly of Marion, Ala.

Selina is an artist of ability, having had courses in recent years at Alabama College. She also had English at Birmingham-Southern College. She is a charter member of the Birmingham Junior League.

Henley was a coal mine owner and operator. He died July 28th, 1939. Henley Jordan Smith and Selina had issue:

(a) Pattie Perry Smith, b, June 10th, 1920. She was graduated from Birmingham-Southern at nineteen, where she was a Kappa Delta and a member of Phi Sigma Iota honorary Romance Language Society. She attended the Tobe-Coburn School for fashion careers in New York. Was in New York three years and was President of the Tobe-Coburn alumnae when she volunteered to go overseas with the Red Cross as Staff Assistant, where she served in recreation capacity, stationed in the Southwest Pacific on the Island of Biak in the Dutch East Indies, and in the Philippines. She is a provisional member of the Junior League in Birmingham.

Pattie Perry Smith was married Dec. 27th, 1947, to Thomas Irwin Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Howard Moore, of Daytona, Fla., formerly of Pittsburgh, Pa. Pattie and her husband live in Chicago.

(b) Henley Jordan Smith, Jr., b, Oct. 16th, 1922. He graduated from Vanderbilt University and entered Vanderbilt Medical School during World War II, where he was a member of the A. S. T. P., and after graduation served his internship there. He was a Phi Delta Theta at Vanderbilt and a Phi Chi at Medical School. He is now at Langley Field in Virginia as Lieutenant in Medical Corps attached to the Air Corps.

During 1947 Mrs. Selina Robinson Smith was married second to Willis C. Hagan of Birmingham.

e. Joseph Riley Smith, III, only child of Joseph R. Smith, Jr., and his second wife, Minnie Gray Voltz, was b, in Birmingham Oct. 3rd, 1909; m, Sept. 30th, 1941, in Fayetteville, Tenn., to Betty Whittaker, daughter of Thurston and Bonnie McAdams Whitaker. She was reared in Fayetteville, the date of her birth being Oct. 10th, 1909.

Joseph was educated at the University of Alabama; member of A. T. O. Fraternity. Betty obtained her A.B. degree at Oglethorpe University and her M.A degree at Peabody College, Nashville. Joseph served three and a half years in the Army, World War II, including nineteen months overseas in the European Theatre of Occupation. They live in Little Rock, Ark. No issue.

E. John Fleming Smith, son of Dr. Joseph R. Smith and first wife, Margaret Harvie Jordan, was b, Sept. 27th, 1857; d, Aug. 2nd, 1884; m, about 1875 or 1876 to

Louise Lide, she b, near Montgomery, Ala., the daughter of Caroline Johnston and John J. Lide, formerly of Cheraw, S. C., the latter son of Col. Thomas Lide.

Mrs. Louise Lide Smith was only sixteen years of age when she and John Smith were married. She was small, pretty and vivacious and of happy nature.

John Smith was a druggist in the town of Elyton (now in Birmingham). His home was in Elyton, a generous sized cottage of the raised French type with the first floor or basement rooms looking out on a garden.

John Smith inherited much of the Riley Irish wit and humor and his drugstore was a rendezvous for the young people of Elyton. John Smith died young, leaving his widow and a little daughter.

a. Mary Louise Smith, b, June 29th, 1879. John's father, Dr. Joseph R. Smith, took the widow and little daughter into his home and gave them every care.

Mrs. Louise Lide Smith married second, a Mr. Leonard, and died a few years later. As her grand-parents were getting old Mary Lou Smith, daughter of John and Louise, went to make her home with her uncle, Joseph R. Smith, and his wife, Kate Molton. Joseph Smith, Jr's, daughter, Annie, was near the same age as Mary Lou and both were educated together at Springhill College in Tennessee, and at the Gardner School in New York.

Mary Louise Smith m, Dec. 19th, 1900, Richard S. W. Browne, who was b, Nov. 16th, 1874, in Alabama; d, in Texas, 1937. He was the son of Martha Jane Mason (b, 1842; d, 1924), and Samuel Browne.

Mary Lou Smith and Richard S. W. Browne lived in their handsome home at Graymont Heights in Birmingham. They later moved to Dallas, Texas, where she, as a widow, still lives. She is much like her mother in size and artistic temperament. She and Richard S. W. Browne had an only son:

- (a) Richard S. W. Browne, Jr., b, in Birmingham Jan. 30th, 1902; m, June 9th, 1923, Susie S. Smith, b, Jan. 22nd, 1904, daughter of Sarah Wren Ramsay and Thomas Long Smith of Birmingham. They have issue:
  - 1. Susie Ann Browne, aesthetic, poetical and of literary tendencies, was b, March 3rd, 1926; m, Feb. 9th, 1946, Jack Carter of Houston, Texas, he b, Oct. 19th, 1924. Issue:
    - (1) Catherine Carter.
- H. Col. Thomas Octavius Smith, son of Dr. Joseph Riley Smith and first wife, Margaret Harvie Jordan, was b, Aug. 21st, 1859; d, Sept. 17th, 1925; m, Cornelia Hubbert of New Albany, Ind. She was the daughter of Edward Mortimer Hubbert, an iron broker of Kentucky (who was b, in Martinsburg, N. Y.), and his wife, Melissa Polk, of the noted Polk family of Tennessee, and closely related to James K. Polk, 11th President of the United States, whose monument stands on the Capitol grounds in Nashville, Tenn.

Mrs. Cornelia Hubbert Smith was a woman of literary taste, cultured and of fine, strong character. She had an inherent honesty and was an advocate of high purpose and possessed a loyalty to her family and friends that could not be broken. She was a charter member of the Hillman Hospital Board and of civic and literary groups. Col. Tom O. Smith, banker and civic leader, was one of the most beloved men in Alabama. Genial and warm-hearted, he was never too busy to stop and listen to the troubles of others.

For many years he was cashier of the old First National Bank of Birmingham, later Vice President of the Birmingham Trust & Savings Co., then President of this bank until his death.

He was Colonel of the Alabama National Guard, which group went to the Spanish-American War. He was an honor graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, Adjutant of the Corps, and one of its Board of Trustees until his death.

He built a handsome English home of greystone, set on Graymont Hill, a suburb of Birmingham. It was surrounded by old trees and was famous for its beautiful rose gardens. Colonel Smith inherited from his mother a passionate love for flowers, and spent much time out of banking hours among his roses. He was an authority on rose culture and there were many rare bushes in his rose garden. Each spring he and his wife gave a garden party which was one of the social events of the year. He was a vestryman of the Church of the Advent (Episcopal). He and his wife, Cornelia, had three children:

- a. Hubbert Smith, b, Jan. 17th, 1885; married June 30th, 1909, Susan Wilson, daughter of Alice Smith and Benjamine Frank Wilson, formerly of Selma, Ala. Susan was born March 1st, 1888. She was educated at Judson College. She was an officer in the Red Cross during World War I. Hubbert and Susan are actively interested in Little Theatre work. Hubbert is an artist of ability, doing wood block prints and pen and ink sketches. He was in the Red Cross in World War I. They have issue:
  - (a) Nelson Smith, b, May 11th, 1910. He is a graduate of Virginia Military Institute and of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He married Oct. 23rd, 1937, Alice Finch, daughter

of Edward Finch, banker, of Birmingham. Their children:

- 1. Philip Neely Smith, b, May 18th, 1939.
- 2. Hubbert Murray Wilson Smith, b, June 12th, 1943.
- (b) Thomas Octavius Smith III, b, Aug. 11th, 1912; m, Mary Osburn Peyton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ashton Ramsay Peyton of Birmingham, formerly of Virginia. She is a member of the Junior League and the Spinsters Cotillion Club. Thomas Smith is a graduate of Virginia Military Institute. He served in World War II with the U. S. Army Air Forces.
- (c) Murray Wilson Smith, b, March 15th, 1913; m, Oct. 5th, 1940, to Dr. Arthur Park McGinty of South Carolina and Georgia. He was b, Sept. 5th, 1908. He was educated at the University of Georgia and the University of Michigan. Murray is also interested in Little Theatre work. She attended the Feagin Dramatic School of New York. They have issue:

1. Park McGinty, b, June 15th, 1943.

b. Julian Polk Stuart Smith, son of Col. Tom O. Smith and Cornelia Hubbert, was b, July 15th, 1890; m, first, Julia Lewis Williamson of Lexington, Va., daughter of Helen C. Davis and Col. Sydney Bacon Williamson.

Julian is a graduate engineer of Virginia Military Institute. He was an engineer among the builders of the Panama Canal until its completion and later was abroad. He was in active service in World War I, six months of the time as Captain in the 106th Supply Train, 31st Division.

Julia Williamson Smith's father, Col. Sydney Williamson, was a noted civil engineer and a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, and practiced

his profession all over the world. He was with Gen. Goethals at Muscle Shoals, Ala.; was Captain, Co. A, 3rd Regiment, U. S. Volunteers, to the Spanish-American War, and on the staff of Gen. Brooks; and was Chief Aide to Goethals in the building of the Panama Canal, and all the latter's important projects.

In 1939 a 30-cent postage stamp of the Canal Zone series was engraved with the portrait of Colonel Williamson, he being one of the noted Canal builders so honored. He became Lieutenant Colonel of the 55th Engineers of World War I in France and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. He lived in Porto Rico, England and in other countries. He was appointed by President Hoover a member of the Inter-Oceanic Canal Board and was on the executive committee of the Chile Exploration Co.

Julian Polk Stuart Smith and Julia Williamson had issue:

(a) Sydney Williamson Smith, b, in Birmingham April 16th, 1918; attended V. M. I. Engineering School two years, leaving to volunteer when the U. S. declared war, and served three years, until the fall of 1945; most of the time as First Lieutenant, Combat Engineers. He participated in the invasion of North Africa, the invasion of Sicily, and in that "nightmare" the landing on the Normandy Beach; and in the succeeding fighting in France. He was with the Amphibian Engineers in the Rhine Crossing; and in the campaign in Germany.

He completed his engineering course after

the war at the University of Virginia.

(b) Julian Polk Stuart Smith, Jr., b, in Birmingham Sept. 10th, 1921. He served over three

years in World War II, two in the South Pacific Islands as Staff Sergeant with the Air Transport Command, several months in New Guinea, and was in the islands at the end of the war.

He was a student at Washington and Lee University two and a half years, and is now in the Engineering and Research Department of James Lee & Sons, manufacturers in Glasgow, Virginia.

After quite a number of years, Julian P. S. Smith, Sr., and Julia Williamson were divorced. She lives in Lexington, Va., he in Birmingham.

Julian was married second on March 7th, 1938, to Katherine Louise Godbee, daughter of Annie Irene Hurst and Lewis Brunette Godbee of Vidalia, Ga. Katherine was b, July 8th, 1899. She has excellent Colonial lines and her D. A. R. lineage goes back to William Lewis of Warner Hall, Va., and through William Akers of Virginia.

Julian and Katherine have one son:

(c) Lewis Godbee Smith, b, Sept. 20th, 1941.

- c. Thomas Octavius Smith, Jr., b, Nov. 25th, 1891, is a graduate of Virginia Military Institute. He volunteered in World War I and served in the Infantry of the 31st Dixie Division. He m, June 12th, 1918, Margaret Houston, daughter of Pearl Whitman and Samuel Frank Houston, prominent South Alabama planter of the "Canebrake" section. She is a grand-daughter of Thomas Whitman of the Confederacy. There is a book of the Whitman family.
  - T. O. and Margaret live in their plantation home Houston Grove near Selma. Their children are:
  - (a) Sarah Cornelia Smith, b, May 29th, 1920; m, Feb. 14th, 1944, Robert Thomas Treese. Their issue:

- 1. Robert Thomas Treese, Jr., b, March 6th, 1946.
- 2. Julian Houston Smith, b, Feb. 28th, 1922; m, Jan. 15th, 1947, Sarah Willia of Boligee. Houston was in World War II in the F. A. Third Corps.
- I. Charles Jordan Smith, son of Dr. Joseph R. Smith and first wife, Margaret Harvie Jordan, was b, in Elyton, Jefferson County, Alabama, Oct. 18th, 1861; d, June, 1925; m, Nov. 25th, 1882, Annie Julia Molton, who was b, in Montgomery, Ala., March 2nd, 1861; d, in Birmingham Feb. 14th, 1923. She was the daughter of Julia Ann Hunter, who was b, in Duplin County, North Carolina; d, in Elmore County, Alabama, Aug. 3rd, 1867, and Col. Charles Hooks Molton, he b, in Duplin County, North Carolina, Aug. 18th, 1825; m, in Greensboro, Ala., 1846, and d, at the old Molton plantation, Laurel Hill, in Elmore County.

Mrs. Annie Julia Molton was a granddaughter of Catherine Ann Hooks (b, Oct. 31st, 1801), and Major Thomas Molton, he a son of Miss James and John Molton of North Carolina, a Revolutionary soldier, and one of the signers of the "Oath of Allegiance" and Sheriff of Duplin County after the Revolution. This great-grandfather of Annie Molton Smith, John Molton, was a Major in the American Revolution. (See Colonial Records, beginning with 1754, vol. 15, pg. 499; also Vol. XV, pgs. 496 and 499.)

Annie Molton Smith was also a granddaughter of Hon. Charles Hooks, member of the U. S. Congress from North Carolina, and his third wife, Ann Hunter, daughter of Isaac and Priscilla Hunter. Therefore, she is Hunter both maternally and paternally. Her parents were cousins. She was also a descendant of Col. William Haywood of Colonial fame. From their grandparents back, the lines of Annie Julia Molton, wife of

Charles Jordan Smith, and Kate Julia Molton, wife of his brother, Joseph R. Smith, Jr., are the same, as these two were first cousins. (See "Molton Family and Kinsmen," by Thomas Hunter Molton.)

Annie Molton Smith was gentle, kind and affectionate, with a strength that arose above the tragedies of life. Her nature was bright and she possessed a sunny sense of humor. She was the answer to the question, "What is a Christian?" To her nieces and nephews, and those of her husband (this writer included), she was a second mother. She and her husband, Charles Jordan Smith, took into their home and reared as their own, a lovely young girl, Maude Terrell (Mrs. Thos. Harris), the adopted daughter of her sister, Mrs. Lizzie Molton Terrell, as the latter had become an invalid and could not give the necessary care to her charge.

Charles J. Smith and his brother, Joseph R. Smith, Jr., were the proverbial Damon and Pythias—inseparable. They were owners and operators of iron ore mines in the Birmingham district and they together built and owned the Jefferson Theatre. Their handsome homes on the South Highlands were side by side.

Charles J. Smith and Annie Molton had issue:

a. Hunter Molton Smith, coal mine owner and operator, was b, Nov. 1st, 1883; m, first, Annie Welsh of a prominent South Alabama family. After several years they were divorced, and she went to live in Washington.

Hunter m, second, Ruth Lawson of Birmingham. They too were divorced after some time. She later m, Victor Hanson, editor and capitalist of Birmingham.

Hunter Smith now lives in Detroit, where he m, on Dec. 8th, 1936, Mary Frampton, daughter of

Bertha May Espy and Major Jonathan Frampton. She was b, June 30th, 1903. Hunter Smith was educated at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, specializing in electrical engineering. He was a member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, serving five years as President of the Birmingham Alumni.

Mary was educated at Marshall College, Huntington, W. Va., and Theil College, Pa., after her family moved there.

Hunter Smith had no children by any marriage. b. Mitylene Owen Smith d, at twelve years of age.

c. Leila Jordan Smith was b, in Birmingham Oct. 10th, 1892. She was educated at Agnes Scott College, Ga. She m, first, in Birmingham, William Vaughn. They were divorced. They had one son:

(a) William Vaughn, Jr., who d, at four years of age in New York.

Leila Jordan Smith m, Edwin Dial Torgerson of Birmingham, author and journalist, who was b, in Oxford, Miss., Dec. 5th, 1892; d, in Hollywood, Calif., March 21st, 1938.

He was the son of Maurice Torgerson, Jr. (who was b, in Stockholm, Sweden, Sept. 8th, 1847), a noted Swedish architect, and his wife, Anna Marie Paufve (b, in Arvika, Vermland, Sweden, Nov. 10th, 1851), the daughter of Carl Frederick Paufve, a manufacturer in Arvika. Ed Torgerson's grandfather, Gustavus Maurice Torgerson, Sr., b, in Christiania, Norway, was a noted architect in Stockholm, and was a member of the faculty of the University of Stockholm, having the chair of Architecture. In fact, both maternally and paternally Ed Torgerson came from a family of writers, musicians, architects and artists. His father, who had already come to America, was called from New York as one

of the consulting architects for the World Cotton Exposition in New Orleans. He designed many buildings in early Birmingham, and in other cities, both in the North and the South.

Edwin Dial Torgerson was author of several popular novels and his stories appeared in current magazines — Scribners, Harpers, Cosmopolitan, American and others. Leila Smith Torgerson attended Agnes Scott College in Georgia and also is an author, journalist, short story and syndicate writer. Her pen name is "Ann Jordan." She and Ed were connected for many years with King Features Corporation of New York, which syndicated her clever humorous series, "Vivid Vamps of History," and also her "Lurid Loves of History."

In 1937, after some fascinating offers, Ed and Leila moved to Hollywood, Calif., where they both wrote for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and Fox Studios. Leila still writes for syndicates and the movies. She and her sons live in their home, set in spacious shaded grounds in Hollywood.

Leila Smith and Edwin Dial Torgerson had issue:

- (a) Joseph Hunter Torgerson, b, Feb. 10th, 1924. He was commissioned Lieutenant in Naval Aviation, World War II. He is now completing his education at the University of Southern California.
- (b) Ann Jordan Torgerson, d, at six years of age.
- (c) Edwin Dial Torgerson, Jr., b, April 18th, 1928, already a journalist, is a student at the University of Southern California.

These two sons of Leila and Ed Torgerson have inherited to a marked degree the artistic and literary ability of their parents.

d. Joseph Riley Smith III, son of Annie Molton and Charles Jordan Smith, was b, June 24, 1898; m, April 11, 1928, to Helen Sims Gibson, who was b, June 30, 1903, the daughter of Susan Sims (b, 1869) and James Beauregard Gibson (b, 1861; d, 1925) of Birmingham.

Joseph Smith has Colonial and Revolutionary lines through both parents—Jordan, Fleming, Scott, Collier, Gaines Taylor, etc., of Virginia, and Haywood, Hooks, Whitfield and M. R. Tong of North Carolina. Helen also comes of distinguished lineage—Capt. Wm. Bean and the noted Ball family of Virginia, and Jeremiah Sanford of Virginia and Georgia, whose tombstone inscription ends, "A soldier of the Revolution, a friend of Washington and an honest man."

Joseph Riley Smith served in A. E. F., World War I, Ordnance Department, resigning from the University of Alabama in order to enlist. Helen was educated at the University of Alabama, member of the Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority, and is a member of the Junior League.

Joseph and Helen Smith live in Dallas, Texas. They have issue:

- (a) Joseph Riley Smith, Jr., called Riley. Whether the above should be called IV or V it is difficult to say, as his father's first cousin, Joseph R. Smith, son of Joseph R. Smith, Jr., could claim the title of IV, but one has to stop somewhere.
- K. William David Smith, youngest son of Dr. Joseph R. Smith and first wife, Margaret Harvie Jordan, was b, Feb. 18th, 1867; d, April 20, 1932. He was nicknamed "Quack" in his boyhood and was so called by his intimates all of his life. He was of medium height,

like his father, and inherited the Riley humor and love of sports. He was for many years, and until his death, President of the Birmingham Baseball Association.

He was a graduate of the University of Alabama and of the Poughkeepsie School of Business in New York.

He was m, first in 1897, to Daisy Weller of Louisville, Ky. She was b, Jan. 6th, 1873; d, Aug. 3rd, 1925, the daughter of Margaret McRae and Thomas Weller, iron manufacturer of Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. Daisy Weller Smith's forebears, the McReas, were of the old Cheraw country of North Carolina, who founded colleges and churches and were prominent in the development of that part of the state.

Mrs. Daisy Weller Smith was not only a favorite in society but was noted for her earnest part in Sunday school, church and club work. She was affiliated with several civic and charitable associations.

Quack Smith built a handsome brick home on a half block corner at Graymont Heights, this being a part of his father's estate, which was then being developed.

William David ("Quack") Smith and Daisy Weller had issue:

a. Thomas Weller Smith, b, July 7th, 1899. He is a graduate of Virginia Military Institute. He was commanding officer of the 23rd Cavalry Division of the Birmingham Sabres, Alabama National Guard. He was a member of this organization for 20 years. He entered Nova Scotia as Major in the Third Army, World War II, Feb. 10, 1942; returned to America to command a battalion for nearly two years, then to Iceland as Major until the close of the war.

He m, Jan. 17, 1925 at St. Luke's church in Ashville, Ala. Anne Rowan, dau of George Hoke Rowan and Julia Poellnitz Gunter, granddaughter of William Gunter, Sr. and Ellen Poellnitz of Montgomery, a lineal descendant of Baron Von Poellnitz, Aide de camp to Baron von Steuben, one of the famous Generals in the American Revolution. Anne Rowan Smith also descends from William Pullen and other Col. and Rev. officers; among them Gen. Peter Forney of N. C., member of Congress and the House of Commons; and also from the French Huguenot Jacob Forney, patriot of N. C. Assembly, and Safety Council, and signer of the county Declaration of Independence. In the French Protestant Church in Charleston, S. C. is a tablet to his memory. (See Hunter's Hist.) Thomas Weller Smith and Anne Rowan Smith

had issue.

(a) Daisy Smith, b, Jan. 14, 1926. She graduated from the Semple Jr. School in New York, and also from Georgia Jr. School, Atlanta. She is an artist, a designer and an Interior decorator.

(b) Thomas Weller Smith, Jr. b, Aug. 10, 1927. Is now a student at Georgia Tech. He served in the Navy in the Pacific in World War II.

b. William David Smith, Jr., b, July 8; d, Oct. 26, 1947. He was a graduate of the Va. Military Institute, 1921, in engineering. He was plant engineer of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Co. in Birmingham for 17 years. He entered World War II as captain and was stationed in Boston in the Ordnance Dept. He retired in 1945 because of ill health.

He m, Jan. 4, 1927, Josephine Hawkins, dau. of of the Rev. Eugene H. Hawkins, a beloved Methodist minister of Alabama, and his wife Sarah Swayne Wager of Chicago.

Josephine is of interesting Col. and Rev. lineage, being a descendant of James Bate Wager of Harpers Ferry; and of Peter Wager, Gov. Director of the United States Bank, appointed by President Jackson, and Major Philip Wager, U. S. Army to whom a monument has been erected; and of Sarah Harper who inherited Harper's Ferry; and of Col. Richard Bond of Maryland, etc., etc.

Josephine and William David Smith, Jr. have

one daughter:

(a) Sandra Smith, b, Sept. 30th, 1939.

William David Smith (Quack) m, 2nd Mary Chollet Berney, daughter of Lizzie Jane Taylor and William Saffold Berney, banker of Birmingham. Her grandparents were Dr. James Berney of Charleston, S. C., graduate in medicine of the Philadelphia University, and also studied in Paris, France, and his wife, Jane Elizabeth Saffold, daughter of Chief Justice Reuben Saffold of the Supreme Court of Alabama.

Mary Chollet Smith also descends from Joseph Phillips, minute man in the Revolutionary War and from John Saffold, governor of South Carolina, and U. S. Senator; and from Samuel Elbert Sibert, one of the founders and Vice Presidents in Georgia of the Society of the Cincinnati, and governor of Georgia and others.

William David Smith and Mary Chollet Berney had no issue.

L. Virginia Irene Smith, youngest child of Dr. Joseph M. Smith and first wife, Margaret Harvie Jordan was b, at Elyton (Birmingham) Aug. 3, 1870, d. Dec. 3rd, 1916; m, Dec. 22nd, 1890 in Birmingham, Robt. Patton McDavid, who was b, April 16, 1867 in Huntsville, Ala., d, Aug......1915 in New Orleans.

Irene was a graduate of the Nolde Seminary of Louisville. She was small, with Irish blue eyes, and brown hair, and was bright, generous and affectionate. She was a clever mimic, and her sunshiny nature made her a welcome addition to any group. Their spacious home was at Roebuck Springs, a suburb of Birmingham. It had been begun for a club house and never finished. Robert McDavid purchased and completed it, and it was none too large for their family of seven active children—five of them boys, and their friends.

Robert McDavid was a brother of Edmund R. Mc-David who married Mittie Rose Owen, his wife's niece. Thus the two McDavid brothers married aunt and niece. The lineage of Robert McDavid is the same as that of his brother found in preceding pages, and will not be repeated here. Robert was named for his grandfather, Gov. Robert Patton of Alabama. Robert McDavid was a graduate of the University of Alabama and completed a law course at the University of Virginia. He was editor and journalist and in later years a real estate broker and promoter. He was elected Secretary of State of Alabama and served two terms. At that time his family lived in Montgomery. He was interested in sports, and owned and bred race horses. He was one of the founders of the earliest Country Club of Birmingham. Irene Smith and Robert Mc-David had issue, seven children:

a. Robert Patton McDavid, Jr. b, Oct. 15, 1891, m, at the Church of the Advent Feb. 15, 1915, to Minnie Virginia Jones, daughter of Henry Sossaman Jones and Bessie Lose, the latter daughter of Jacob Lose of Pennsylvania and Elizabeth Amour of Baltimore.

Robert McDavid, Jr. was educated at the University of Alabama. He could have followed in the footsteps of his father as a journalist, but is in business in Birmingham. His wife, Minnie V., a finished pianist, descends from interesting ances-

tors—one Capt.—afterwards Col. James Jones, a councilman of the N. C. Assembly and of the War of Independence. (See Windom's Hist. of N. C.) She is also a descendant of Henry Sossaman, II, noted architect and builder of his time, who built the early state capitol of Alabama, then located at Tuscaloosa. Another ancestor was Frederick Fisher, hero at the battle of King's Mountain, whose name appears on a monument. (See Moore's Hist. of N. C.).

Robert P. McDavid, Jr. and Minnie V. Jones have issue:

(a) Robert P. McDavid, III, b, Jan. 20, 1916; graduated at Woodlawn High School, Birmingham. Completed his education at the University of Ala. specializing in Journalism and dramatics. Has written plays and short stories; was a member of the well known "Black Friars," dramatic group at the University. He was sports Editor of the "Crimson and White," member of the Glee Club, and of the "Rammer-Jammer" magazine staff, and of the Interfraternity Council. A. T. O. Fraternity. He was soldier of World War II, Ordnance department, ammunition section, with a total of thirty months overseas; four battle stars and two campaign ribbons.

Robert III was m, Sept. 19, 1942 to Margaret Antoinette (Ann) Brooks, dau. of Katharine Ledbetter and Lee Allen Brooks. Ann was educated at Virginia Intermont College in Bristol, Va. where she majored in music and art, and was a member of Phi Beta Honorary Fraternity. She was presented in Birmingham as a debutante in 1941, by the Redstone Club, and also made her debut in Charleston, S. C.

She is a member of the Junior League, and of the Civiettes and the Ballerinas of Birmingham.

Robert III, and Ann have three children:

- 1. Robert Patton McDavid IV, b, Oct. 25, 1943.
- 2. Lee Allen McDavid, b, Nov. 30, 1945.
- 3. Samuel Ledbetter McDavid, b, Oct. 12, 1946.
- (b) Henry McDavid was b, July 24, 1920. Left Ramsay High School to enlist in World War II, and served three years in the Pacific in the Air Corps.
- (c) LeRoy McDavid, b, June 6, 1922. Graduated at Ramsay High. Attended Birmingham-Southern College. Will enter the University of Alabama in the Fall of 1948. He is pledged to D.K.E. Fraternity.
- (d) Martha Virginia McDavid, b, March 7, 1925. m, Dec. 28, 1947 at the Church of the Advent in Birmingham, Toxey Daniel Haas, Jr. of Mobile, son of Dr. and Mrs. T. D. Haas.

While at Ramsay High in Birmingham, Martha was a member of the Alpha Delta Phi Sorority, and of the Holiday Assembly. She was educated at Stephens College, Columbia, Mo., New York University, N. Y., and was graduated from the University of Alabama in 1947. She made her debut in 1946, presented by the Redstone Club of Birmingham. She is a provisional member of the Junior League.

Toxey Daniel Haas spent three years in World War II in the U.S.A.A.F., and was discharged as Lieutenant. He was educated at the University of Alabama, where he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity and the Greek Social Organization. They live in Mobile.

b. Virginia McDavid, dau. of Irene Smith and Robt. P. McDavid, was b, April 15, 1893, m, Nov. 12,

1913 to Maclin F. Smith, banker and attorney, who was b, Feb. 9, 1891. Virginia was educated at the Misses Hannum school in Birmingham, and at Mary Baldwin, Va. She also traveled abroad. Maclin is a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, B.A., 1911; also a graduate of the Virginia Military Academy, B.A., 1911; also a graduate LL.B. of the University of Alabama. He is son of the late Arthur W. Smith, banker and manufacturer, and his wife, Mary Sloss, dau. of Col. James Withers Sloss, another builder of Birmingham, owner of the Sloss furnace and others. Maclin is also a descendant of a different branch of Smiths from that of his wife, that is the Smyths of New Hampshire; and of Joseph Smith of that state in the Continental line. (See Smith chart by Allen Smith).

Maclin and Virginia Smith have issue:

(a) Maclin F. Smith, Jr., b, Sept. 17, 1914. He was educated at Sewanee and at the University of N. C. Member of S.A.E. fraternity. He m, Nov. 5, 1936 Margaret Berkley Yeates, dau. of Seymour Nance and Jesse Yeates. Margaret was b, Oct. 19, 1915. Their issue:

1. Virginia Seymour Smith, b, July 8, 1939.

2. Arthur Winchester Smith II, b, Mar. 3, 1941.

(b) Robert McDavid Smith, b, Oct. 5, 1920. Graduated University of Ala. Law School, member of S.A.E. fraternity. Now at Harvard Law School. He was First Lieut. in 6th Army (Anti-Aircraft) in Pacific, in World War II. M. Aug. 27, 1946 Eugenia Wimberly, dau. of Mary Gillespy and T. Felton Wimberly. She was b. March 11, 1923. Graduated at Pine Manor Jr. College, in Boston. Graduated at Duke University, N. C. Member of Kappa Alpha Theta honorary fraternity. She is a descend-

ant of Owen, Sadler, Tarrant and McAdory families, who were pioneer families of Jefferson Co. Ala. Vice Pres. Debutante Club of 1945. Member of Jr. League and Spinsters.

c. Joseph Riley McDavid, son of Irene Smith and Robert P. McDavid, b. Dec. 31, 1895, m. Mar. 24, 1937 Mary Leary, she b. July 30, 1908, dau. of Caroline Freeman Smith and William Merriwether Leary, formerly of Ga. She was educated at the Loulie Compton Seminary of Birmingham, Miss Wright's School, Bryn Mawr, Pa. and the Finch School, N. Y.

Joe McDavid received his education at Dubose School, Birmingham; Va. Military Institute, and the University of Ala. He served with the Cavalry in World War I, in France two and a half years, and one year in America.

Joe and Mary have issue:

- (a) Joseph Riley McDavid, Jr. b. Dec. 2, 1939.
- (b) William Leary McDavid, b. Nov. 1, 1941.
- (c) Caroline Smith McDavid, b. Nov. 5, 1945.
- d. Charles Jordan McDavid, son of Irene Smith and Robert P. McDavid. b. Jan. 3, 1900. Was educated at Marion Military Institute and Va. Military Institute. He married Marjorie Paramore, dau. of Mary Clay and John Paramore. She was b. Mar 27, 1910. She was educated in Convents in Ky. and at Birmingham-Southern College.

Their issue:

- (a) Virginia Smith McDavid, b. Nov. 30, 1934.
- (b) Charles Jordan McDavid, Jr., b. May 9, 1940. Called Jordan.
- (c) Elizabeth Paramore McDavid, b. 1946.
- e. Ned Richardson McDavid, III, b. Nov. 7, 1902, was educated at Webb School, Bell Buckle, Tenn., at Marion Military Institute, Ala., and Sewanee

Military Academy, Tenn. He was named for his Uncle Edmund Richardson ("Ned") McDavid, Sr. He m. first Dec. 30th, 1924 in Palm Beach, Florida. Crystel Moore of Panama City, Fla., dau. of Amos Green Moore, editor, and Willie Treadwell, artist and writer of Florida. Crystel comes of a straight line of Treadwell physicians for several generations. One ancestor, Benjamine Bargeron (French) was killed in the War of 1812. She descends from William Thompson, William Treadwall of the American Revolution; and Jeremiah Warren of the Col. wars, and Lieut. William Warren of the Confederacy.

Ned and Crystel had issue.

(a) Ned R. McDavid V, now a student in law at the University of Ala. He was b. Aug 20, 1927. (The above cannot be called IV, as his father's first cousin, Edmund R. McDavid, Jr. has a son called Edmund R. McDavid IV).

Ned R. McDavid, III and Crystel resided for several years in Palm Beach, in Miami and in Birmingham. They were divorced.

Ned R. McDavid, III m. 2nd Ethel Lee Peerman of Birmingham, dau. of Nora Josephine Brown and John Gordon Peerman, formerly of Virginia. Ethel was b. Aug. 14, 1902 in Richmond, Va. She is a descendant of the Lees of Va., through Hancock Lee of the Ditchly branch. Her great grandmother was Martha Fleming Lee, dau. of Wm. Kendall Lee, who was b. at Ditchly, 1792. He was son of Capt. Wm. Lee. Ethel's great great grandfather married Priscilla Dance, a descendant of Pocahontas, and 2nd cousin of John Randolph. Her great grandfather, Dance Parker Peerman, married Priscilla Harrison, 2nd cousin of Wm. Henry Harrison, 9th President of the U.S.A. Ethel

and Ned have no issue.

f. Thomas Octavius McDavid, youngest son of Irene Smith and Robert P. McDavid, was b. in Birmingham Sept. 26, 1906. He attended Augusta Military Academy at Ft. Defiance, Va., the University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn., then to the Eastern school of Business, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and night school of Columbia University, N. Y. and New York University night school. He is a member of the Alpha Tau Omega College Fraternity. After serving several years with the Chemical Bank and Trust Co., New York, he has been and is now an officer in the Commercial Credit Co. of New York.

Thomas O. McDavid entered active military service in the Army Air Force Sept., 1942 as 2nd Lieut. He spent some time in Guam, Trinidad and Saipan. He was discharged Jan. 1, 1946 as Major, which rank he now holds in the Officers Reserve.

On Jan. 1, 1941 he was m. to Juliet Elizabeth Belknap, who was b. in Washington, D. C. Sept. 17, 1915, the dau. of Robert Sidney Belknap, a son of Navy Capt. Charles Belknap. Juliet's mother was Louise Cleves Coles of Washington, D. C., dau. of Federal Judge Charles C. Coles. Juliet (Judy) attended the Roland Park country school in Baltimore, and graduated from the Garrison-Forest School at Garrison, Maryland, and later was on the faculty.

Children of Juliet and Tom O. McDavid:

- (a) Thomas Patton McDavid, six years of age in 1947.
- (b) Juliet Elizabeth McDavid three years old in 1947.
- g. Martha Hayes McDavid, youngest child of Irene Smith and Robert P., Sr. was b. July 21, 1910. She was educated at Mary Baldwin Seminary in Vir-

ginia and Ogontz in Pennsylvania. Traveled abroad, and was member of the Debutante Club of Birmingham, presented by the Redstone Club. She was married Feb. 14, 1931 to Sam Dabney Perry, son of Bessie Tart and Charles Perry. He was educated at the University of Alabama. He served as Captain in the Air forces in the Pacific, and was lost with other officers while on a mission to Australia. The plane was never found. Sam and Martha had no issue.

Mrs. Martha McDavid Perry married the second time, Ormond Somerville, lawyer, of Birmingham, Ala. Married in 1948.

## RILEY

Joseph Riley, our first American ancestor of this name, although of Irish descent, was born in Warwickshire, England in 1759. He came to America when a lad with his brothers, and there is no positive evidence that his parents arrived with them. Nor is the exact year of their arrival chronicled, though it was approximately 1772 or 1773.

They settled in what is now Winchester, in Frederick County, Virginia. There were numerous settlers by the names of Riley, Reilly, Ryley, etc. in Frederick Co. when our Joseph arrived. Some were there as early as 1735, before our Joseph was born. These may or may not have been related to our family in England. No evidence points to any close relationship.

The records do not state how many brothers came with Joseph. The ones most spoken of in family papers as Joseph's brothers were Darby, John and James. However, James was a name prevalent in all the Riley families.

Joseph Riley and his brothers did not remain so many years in Frederick Co. but moved later into other counties in Virginia. Some moved into Hampshire Co. which was formed from Frederick Co., which is now in West Virginia. John Riley married in Montgomery Co., Va., and may have been living in that county. These three brothers were all Revolutionary soldiers.

There are no records for our Joseph in Frederick Co. as he was a minor and bought no land. He volunteered into the Revolutionary army at the age of 16. His name appears on several of the 9th Va. payrolls. See "Historical Register of Virginians in the Revolution," by John H. Gwathmey, which is to date the most comprehensive list of Rev. soldiers of Va. This shows the record of Jo-

seph Riley in the 9th Va. Reg. of the Continental line. See also in War Department, the Adjutant General's Office. The Records show that Joseph Riley served in the Revolutionary war as a member (rank not stated) of Captain John Hays' company, 9th Va. Regiment, commanded by Col. Thomas Fleming. His name on company payrolls for November and December, 1776, shows that pay for his service amounted to four pounds. No pension was requested. Our Joseph's record must not be confused with that of one Joseph Reilly, sometimes written Ryley who was a member of the 12th Va. Reg. and who died in Va. June 25, 1777.

Joseph Riley evidently registered from Frederick Co. although the record of enlistment is lost as his younger brother John Riley, who also volunteered two years later when he became 16 is registered from that county, which shows that the family were still living there.

In any history of a Regiment of the Revolutionary Period it must be remembered that while a Regiment was formed in a certain locality, its members were frequently taken from various parts of the state. As men became sick or wounded and a regiment became depleted these places were filled from other localities. Dr. McIlwaine in his accounts of the Va. Regiments repeatedly called attention to this.

Calendar of State Papers—Vol. 1, pg. 271. The Ninth Va. Regiment was first formed on the Eastern shore of Va. on Feb. 5, 1776. It was added to by parts of regiments and individual soldiers from time to time. See Calendar of State Papers, Vol. 8, pg. 125, 134, 150, etc. Also Tylers Quarterly, Vol. 2, pg. 165 and Vol. 9, pg. 239, etc.

For the sake of those who may be searching for the record of Joseph Riley's brother, John Riley, it will be given here.

"Department of the Interior Bureau of Pensions

Washington, D. C., Mar. 12, 1924."

"From the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claims w. 5703, it appears that John Riley was born Mar. 28, 1761 in Warwickshire, Eng. He enlisted at Winchester, Va. Oct. 15, 1777, and served three months as private in Captains Thompson and Parker's Companies; Colonels Butler and Moroth's Pennsylvania Regiments. Immediately after his service he was appointed Assistant Commissary to James Reynolds or Runnels, and served 18 months. He was in the battle of Stony Point where he received a gun shot wound in the leg, and while assisting the artillery, his right foot was smashed by a recoil of a cannon carriage. He was allowed pension on his application executed Oct. 28, 1834, while a resident of Fentress Co., Tenn. He died June 29, 1837.

"He married Dec. 17, 1792 in Montgomery Co. Va. Nancy, dau. of Thomas and Jane Evans. She was allowed pension on application executed Dec. 30, 1840 while a resident of Fentress County, Tenn. aged 67 years. They had three children, all sons: William, b. Oct. 22, 1793,

and Thomas. Name of other son not stated.

"Signed Respectfully
"Washington Gardner,
Commissioner.

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Rev. War Section E.W. W.1083."

Joseph Riley married Elizabeth Adams about 1790 in Virginia or West Va. She was b. near Wheeling, West Va. No early birth or marriage records can be found there. Some time after their marriage they moved to Kentucky. Lincoln Co., Ky. was formed in 1780 and from it Knox was cut, and Rockcastle Co. was formed from parts of

Knox, Lincoln, Madison and Pulaski. Joseph and Elizabeth Riley settled in that part of Lincoln Co., afterwards Knox, and still later Rockcastle. Here their daughter, Sallie Riley was born in 1796. In fact most of their children were born there. A number of Rileys, presumably related, had moved to that state.

In deed book A.-P. 26—"Joseph Riley bought of Robert Langford and wife Hannah, 200 acres on Richland Creek."

We note in the "Kentucky Land Grants South of the Green River," that Joseph Riley had a grant of 50 acres in Knox County on Little Richland Creek, surveyed June 17, 1805. Grant Book 9, pg. 121.

Joseph Riley's name appears in Order Book A., p. 115. "Ordered that Joseph Riley have a certificate for 50 acres of land by virtue of actual settlement made me and agreeable to an act approved Dec. 20, 1800, lying on the waters of Little Richland Creek, adjoining the said survey the said Riley purchased of R. Langford on East Side. Beginning on the line of the said survey 20 poles North of first branch. That the East line of the said survey crosses, thence up the branch on both sides as the law will allow."

Joseph and Elizabeth Adams Riley had 11 children, viz.:

- 1. William Riley, b. about 1791.
- 2. Jefferson Riley, b. 1793.
- 3. Mary Ann Riley, called "Aunt Polly." b. 1794, m. George Eubank.
- 4. Sally Riley. b. July 4, 1796, m. John Smith Nov. 24, 1814.
- 5. Joseph Riley, Jr. b. 1798. m. Nancy.
- 6. Nancy Riley. b. 1800, m. Mark Harris, soldier of 1812.
- 7. Elizabeth Riley, called "Aunt Betsy," b. 1802, m. Harrison Goyne, a state senator.

- 8. John Riley. b. 1804. Never married.
- 9. Lucy Riley. b. 1806. m. Edmond Rockett. She died about 1836, leaving three children.
- 10. James Riley. b. 1808.
- 11. Katherine Riley, called "Aunt Kate." b. 1810. m. Ransom Munson.

Joseph Riley spent more years of his married life in Kentucky than in any other state. His land was composed of meadows and rolling hills. He owned a number of blooded horses. His sons were fond of sports; fox hunting and horse racing. Horse racing had become a leading sport of the day, and Kentucky a horse racing state. Race tracks were established in Kentucky, Tennessee and in Northern Alabama, and many prominent pioneers attended these races as enthusiastically as their descendants do today.

The sport was called "Turf Racing" then.

Thomas Nelson Page wrote: "After the American Revolution, turf racing was revived in the Southern States, and was controlled by men of intelligence and high social position."

One day, while traveling down a river in Kentucky on a flat boat, Joseph Riley suffered the misfortune of having a hand blown off by the explosion of a musket. Tradition says that he and others were fighting Indians.

Some time after 1800 Joseph Riley and his family moved to Fentress Co., Tennessee. Here his brother John's family was now living. Here his daughter, Sally, was married to John Smith in 1814 and moved to Lincoln Co., Tenn., then to Jefferson Co., Alabama in 1816, then called Mississippi Territory.

In 1820 Joseph Riley and his entire family left Tenn. and came to Jefferson Co., Ala. His daughter, Kate, ten years of age, rode an Indian pony all the way.

Joseph selected a pretty tract of land one and a half miles north of the present city of Bessemer. Several fine race horses were brought along, and a story handed down in the family—no doubt true—was this: When the Rileys arrived, and had selected their homestead land, not a lick was struck toward felling trees and beginning a house, and the family lived in tents until a large, level plot could be cleared and a race track built for the horses, so they would not miss their accustomed training. This story has now and then been mistakenly attributed to John Smith, but staid John Smith, son of a Quaker, never owned a race horse.

He did, however, own two or three fine horses—one in particular was a beauty. One day an Indian and his squaw came by, and seeing this horse, the Indian was almost beside himself in admiration. He begged John Smith to trade him the horse, but of course was refused. He had nothing to trade anyway. Finally, in desperation he offered to leave his wife and take the horse in exchange. Squire Smith assured him that he had one wife and wanted no other, besides the horse was not for sale or trade. The crestfallen Indian strode off through the forest, his squaw stepping along behind him.

Elizabeth Adams Riley was really the tower and strength of the family. She was a religious person and an ardent Methodist. She was as well educated as others of her time, and ambitious for her children. She loved the study of medicine, and owned one or two books on medicine which she had obtained, and several pamphlets. She brought with her a stock of herbs and a few medicines. Doctors were from 30 to 40 miles apart and scarce, and Elizabeth was said to have saved many a life from fever, pneumonia, croup, etc. for which she accepted no pay. It was also said that she could even set a broken bone.

Joseph Riley had lived a strenuous life, and his health began to fail after coming to Alabama. He was not able to accompany Elizabeth on her errands of mercy, which were made on horseback, and sometimes at night. Her faithful maid whom she had trained, always rode behind ter, yet, while the Indians were friendly, there were wild animals in the forest, so Joseph always saw that a colored man servant carrying a gun went with them for protection.

Joseph Riley died at his home in Alabama, June 11, 1826. He is buried in the family graveyard, afterwards called the "Kelly Place," which later belonged to his son-in-law, John Smith, and given still later to John's daughter-in-law, Mrs. John B. Smith.

## WILL OF JOSEPH RILEY, SR.

## STATE OF ALABAMA, JEFFERSON COUNTY.

I, Joseph Riley, Senior, of said state and county, do hereby make my last will and testament in manner and form following-that

First, I desire that my wife, Elizabeth Riley, shall have my negro woman Nancy and her child named Ann, my plantation, house and crop, except the fourth part, which my son John is to have for his services; also four cows and calves, ten head of hogs, two horses-one claybank called Bob, and the other a young bay horse-with all the household and kitchen furniture her life time; also all the hands now in the present crop; I desire them to stay until the crop is gathered.

Second, I give to my son James one negro boy named Moses; and when he (James) becomes 21 years of age, one horse, saddle and bridle.

Third, I give my son Jefferson one negro boy named Henry. Fourth, I give my daughter Polly Eubank one negro boy named

Fifth, I give to my son John one negro boy named Randal, with the fourth part of my present crop above named. Sixth, I give my daughter Lucy Riley one negro girl named

Maria.

Seventh, I give my daughter Elizabeth Goyne one negro girl named Mary and fifty dollars I owe them-(suppose to each daughter).

Eighth, I give my daughter Nancy Harris one negro girl named Harriet and one hundred and fifty dollars on good property.

Ninth, I give my son William one negro boy named Isaac, also one hundred and sixteen dollars owing me in Kentucky.

Tenth, I give my daughter Sallie Smith one negro boy named Bill.

Eleventh, I give my daughter Catharine one negro woman named June, now with child. The present issue of the negro woman June I give to my grandchild George Washington Riley if he arrives to the age of twenty-one years.

Twelfth, All the rest of my estate both real and personal, of what nature or kind soever it may be, not herein before particularly disposed of, I desire may be equally divided among my several children herein before named, which I give to them, their heirs and assigns forever.

And lastly: I do hereby constitute and appoint my friends John Brandon and John Smith executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other or former wills or testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this seventh day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and twenty six.

JOSEPH RILEY (SEAL)

Signed, sealed, published and declared as and for the last will and testament of the above named Joseph Riley, Senior, in the presence of us:

> JOHN B. AYERS JOHN TARRANT

The bond of ten thousand dollars was signed by John Brandon, John Smith, William Nabors and W. D. T. Culbertson, witnesses.

Test.—J. Thompson, clerk.

Probate Judge the Hon. Peter Walker. Page 134. Orphan's Court Record, Vol. 1824 to 1831.

On page 143, Orphan's court book of Jefferson County, Alabama, 1823-70, is mention of the will of Joseph Riley, Sr. The court convened July 10, 1826.

The will mentioned in this record names his widow Elizabeth; children: John and William Riley, John Smith in right of his wife, Mark M. Harris in right of his wife, and George Starnes as guardian of George Washington Riley, infant son of Joseph Riley deceased.

All are asked to appear at court.

There is also mentioned "the infant children" of Joseph Riley, \$r.: Catherine, Lucinda and James Riley. Their mother Elizabeth asks a guardianship, together with John Riley and H. W. Goyne as security. These "infant children" were not babies, but were under the age of eighteen and twenty-one.

On Saturday, July 14, 1832, at the court house in Elyton, John Smith, administrator of Joseph Riley, Sr., made final settlement of his estate, "with all receipts and vouchers."

Joseph Riley, Jr.'s wife was named Nancy. Both died inside a few years after marriage. Her death occurred shortly after his. They left a baby, George Washington Riley.

George Starnes, Nancy's "next of kin," was appointed by the

Orphan's Court October, 1823, as guardian of the baby.

On page 110, Orphan's Court records 1823-31 of Jefferson County, we note the following record:

George Starnes, administrator of Joseph Riley, Jr. and Nancy Riley, his wife, both dec'd., was ordered guardian of their orphan and only child, George W. Riley; he having offered "to educate him in the common branches of English learning and to support said infant until he arrived at the age of twenty-one years."

He entered into bond on the penal sum of two thousand dollars, conditioned according to law. Whereupon George Starnes, with James Barton and Martha Gillespie, entered into and acknowledged bond according and thereafter. Letters of guardianship were issued.

A year late Joseph Riley, Sr. was appointed, together with Starnes as guardian.

The executors also were appointed by the court.

In 1837, when George W. Riley was 14 years of age, we find Wiley W. Mattison as his guardian. George Starnes was either deceased, left the county, or declined the guardianship.

George W. Riley, son of Joseph and Nancy, moved to Shelby Co., Alabama.

Joseph Riley's children began to leave Jefferson Co., Ala., by 1822, most of them going to other states. William left in 1822, and settled in Illinois; Jefferson to Leake Co., Miss. and died there in 1864; Mary Ann and George Eubank went to Lowndes Co., Miss. in 1862; Joseph, Jr. died in Jefferson Co., Ala., Aug. 24, 1823, left a widow and infant son; James died in Arkansas in 1888; Elizabeth and Harrison Goyne moved to Texas in 1852. There is an old letter from Mrs. Elizabeth Riley Goyne to her brother-in-law, John Smith, asking what he thinks of her daugh-

ter, Selina Goyne Conner and Mr. Conner going to Texas, dated Lowndes Co., Miss., May 30, 1845.

They were already in Texas, as another old letter from Thomas Smith to his father John Smith, dated April 12, 1852, in Austin, Texas after his arrival there.

A letter dated April 12, 1868, Austin, Texas, from Mrs. Juliet Goyne Conners Hicks to John Smith, whom she calls "Uncle

John," tells of the stage coach turning over.

Says her mother is "pining for her old home in Alabama, and wants to see Uncle John—and loves him as much as when she was little Selina Goyne." On one side low down is written her mother's name—"Selina Ann Conner." She speaks of having seen "Cousin Tom," son of John Smith. She speaks of "Pa" being in good health. Says her mother has seven children.

(The above is Riley daughter-in-law kin to John Smith through his

wife Sally).

Katherine (Kate) and her husband, Ransom, moved to Lowndes Co., Miss. She died at the age of 88 on her plantation just out from Columbus. On one of their visits home in Alabama in Nov., 1846, they persuaded their mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Riley, to return and spend the rest of her life with them in Miss. She agreed, on the promise that when she died, her body would be brought back to Alabama, and buried beside her husband. She stated that she wanted "to arise on Judgment Day with Joseph and go to meet our Maker hand in hand."

The promise was never kept, for her death occurred on Feb. 7, 1857, during the bitterest weather Mississippi had ever known—snow, with roads frozen and utterly impassable. She was buried at old Murrah Chapel graveyard, ten miles out from Columbus, Miss., on the Pickinsville Road. Her tomb is built of brick in the old box shape and topped by a marble slab.

The sons of Joseph and Elizabeth Riley were noted as a handsome, high spirited group, energetic and aggressive. After moving into their rich black lands of Mississippi, they prospered and be-

came leading citizens.

Joseph Riley, the father, lived a rugged life. He even lived dangerously, coming as he did as a lad from England to Virginia, helping to gain American independence, fighting Indians, losing a hand, yet ever moving onward to open up and develop new territories. A true pioneer.









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